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GOVERNMENT PLAN IS FAR REACHING

London Chronicle Outlines Scheme for Utilizing Country's Man Power

AUTHORITY TO CONTROL MOBILITY OF LABOR

Trade Union Rate of Wages Will Be Paid to War Workers

London, Dec. 22.—The Daily Chronicle gives prominence to an article which purports to outline the government's scheme for utilizing all the manpower resources of the country with a view to the more vigorous prosecution of the war. It says that the plan is of a very bold and far-reaching character. More men are needed for the army, for the manufacture of munitions, and for productive employment like agriculture. The government will therefore appeal to the whole manhood of the country that is not in the army or already engaged in work of national importance to enroll voluntarily for service as war workers.

Men between the ages of 17 and 66 are wanted. They must place themselves at the disposal of the state for the duration of the war and consent to be transferred to occupations, localities and services most required in the interests of the country.

At present except in the case of munitions volunteers, there is no power to transfer workmen from a factory where there is a sufficient number to one where there is a serious inadequacy of labor; nor when a man is released from the army for war work, is there any guarantee that he will take up the work on the land. It is essential in order to stimulate production and make the best use of man-power resources that the state should have power to control and direct the mobility of labor.

The full trade union rate of wages for skilled or unskilled work, as the case may be, will be paid to war workers, and in addition to this pay a subsistence allowance at the rate of 2s. 6d. 100 cents a day for 7 days of the week will be paid to men who, owing to the system of transfer, will be under the necessity of maintaining two homes.

There is to be a register in every locality of war, industrial or productive requirements, which, of course, will vary from time to time. A schedule of indispensable and non-essential trades is to be drawn up. Non-essential industries will be shut down without compensation so that the labor employed in them may be available for munitions or productive industries. War workers are needed to release it from the army, to supply the expanding needs of munitions factories, and to help in creating national wealth by occupation in productive employments.

To stimulate the mobility of labor is nearly as important as to add to the quantity of labor. It is estimated that at any given time forty per cent of the men engaged on war work in this country are either idle or not occupied to their full capacity owing to the lack of mobility. One of the chief functions of Neville Chamberlain will be to stimulate mobility by transferring men in batches to places where they are most urgently required. In order to reduce the housing difficulty to a minimum, power will be taken to billet war workers in private houses in the localities where they will be employed.

RUSSIA WILL REJECT GERMAN PROPOSAL

Government Considers Note is Vague and Lacks Sincerity

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—Since the text of the German peace proposal transmitted through the American embassy to the Russian foreign office, is identical with the declaration already received unofficially through the press, the Russian government, the Associated Press is informed, considers that the offer of the central powers has already been adequately answered.

The official reply in conjunction with Russia's allies will be made as purely a matter of form, and will contain no new point. It is stated that it will embody official sentiment heretofore expressed, and will emphatically reject the proposal on the ground that its vagueness and lack of sincerity, as so regarded by the Russian government, do not permit of its serious consideration.

MINISTERS RECEIVE DECIDED MAJORITY

Hon. M. A. Macdonald, K. C., and Hon. Ralph Smith Endorsed by Constituents

"PURITY SQUAD" BACKED BY OLD BOWSER MACHINE

Vote Polled by McTaggart Entirely Due to the Efforts on His Behalf Made by It

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—Yesterday, for the third time, Hon. M. A. Macdonald, attorney-general, went before the people of Vancouver, and for a third time the people expressed their confidence in him. With him was re-elected Hon. Ralph Smith as minister of finance in the Brewster cabinet. Both received handsome majorities over the third candidate, D. E. McTaggart.

The so-called "purity squad" had the backing of the old Bowser machine, which had been in control for thirteen years and had built up a patronage system which has been a curse to the province. It was understood the adherents of the old machine were not to take a hand, but they did, and a big hand, giving their support to Mr. McTaggart and to Hon. Mr. Smith as well, for the McTaggart interests were urging, as were the Macdonald forces, the election of Mr. Smith with their man. With all forces voting for him, Hon. Mr. Smith rolled up a splendid and deserving vote, in spite of general plumping for Mr. McTaggart.

The scheme of the old gang that had been in power so long was to make it appear they would take a hand, on the score that it was a "Grit squabble," with all three candidates members of the Liberal party. W. J. Bowser, the former premier, upon his arrival back in the city, urged that everybody should vote.

If there really had been any intention among the machine adherents to remain out of the fight, this evidently was their marching orders, and headquarters of the old machine was a busy place with the well-known lieutenants of the former premier preparing to get out as large a vote as possible. The McTaggart-Cowper combination, which otherwise would have polled a very small vote.

In spite of the strenuous methods employed, the people showed unmistakably their approval of Premier Brewster's selection of Hon. Mr. Macdonald as his attorney-general. The Scott affidavit as to the by-election conspiracy, after being made much of before it was made public, proved to be a document absolutely lacking the sensational features intimated by the McTaggart spellbinders in their efforts to drag the new attorney-general and enemy of the old machine down from the pedestal of public confidence upon which the majority had twice placed him.

The "issue" that was made with great effort and many columns of words was the appointment of Hon. Mr. Macdonald to the position of attorney-general before the plugging episode had been probed. In spite of declarations of the premier and Hon. Mr. Macdonald before the general election and since, and the decision of the cabinet to conduct a judicial inquiry, the Martin-McTaggart-Cowper combination did everything that was within its power to so conduct the campaign as to mislead people into the belief that Hon. Mr. Macdonald was implicated in a guilty way.

The splendid majority given Mr. Macdonald was the people's answer to this kind of campaigning.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald received 5,011 votes against the 3,866 which McTaggart (Concluded on page 10.)

WILSON'S NOTE HANDED TO PREMIER BRIAND

Paris, Dec. 22.—William Graves Sharp, the American ambassador to France, delivered personally to Premier Briand, between 7 o'clock and 8 o'clock last night, President Wilson's note to the belligerent nations. Paris newspapers this evening print the note textually.

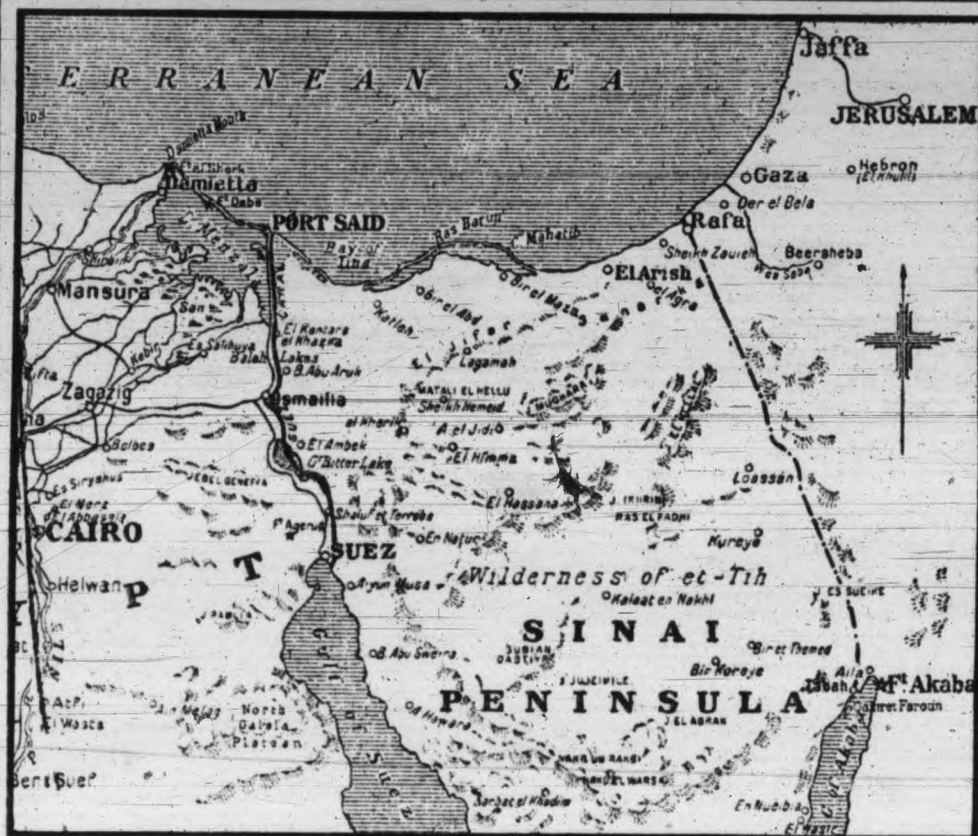
T. L. CHURCH RE-ELECTED MAYOR OF TORONTO

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Thomas L. Church to-day was elected mayor of Toronto by acclamation for his third term. Elections will be held for the controllers and aldermen.

DESTROYERS SINK GERMAN SUBMARINE

Paris, Dec. 22.—The German submarine U-45 has been sunk by destroyers, according to a Nantex dispatch. The U-45 recently sank steamships off Saint Nazaire.

BRITISH ADVANCING TOWARD THE FRONTIER OF PALESTINE



EL ARISH HAS BEEN CAPTURED FROM THE TURKS

London, Dec. 22.—El Arish, 99 miles east of the Suez canal, was captured yesterday by the British.

El Arish is a fortified town of Egypt on the Mediterranean, near the frontier of Palestine. It is a town of less than 20,000, in territory which has been held by the Turks since the time of their invasion of Egypt and unsuccessful attacks on the Suez canal.

The news of the capture of El Arish by the British came as a surprise as no information regarding the operations of this force had been received for some time. The last reports told of the taking of Katia, and since then by a brilliant manoeuvre the troops have secured possession of El Arish. The force may have moved along the highway from Katia, or may have been sent by water, attacking El Arish from the sea.

AWAITS ACTION OF NEUTRAL POWERS

Washington Anxious to Learn If They Will Follow Wilson's Lead

EXPECTS FRANK REPLIES FROM BELLIGERENTS

Officials Believe Explanations Have Made Clear Aims of President

Washington, Dec. 22.—With the purposes of President Wilson's note to belligerents clarified by official statements on the subject, the attention of the United States has turned to the reception of the note in the foreign capitals.

Diplomats here are eagerly watching for indications of whether the European neutrals will follow the lead of the United States and make a similar appeal to the warring powers.

There is growing feeling that the United States hopes to become the clearing house for views and possibly for terms, "severely" of the diplomats have advised their governments to that effect, in order to guard them in their replies.

Surprise at the fast growing significance of the president's move was expressed on all sides, where it was pointed out that at first the opinion prevailed that the note itself was merely a "feeler" and that the most immediately contemplated effect in issuing it was the receipt of some sort of definition from the various warring nations.

That the president should let it be known indirectly to the diplomats for their guidance that he went even further than that and counted on an absolutely frank reply from belligerents which would lead to an actual opportunity for negotiations proved only less surprising than the actual note itself.

Consulting Government.

This feeling was increased by Secretary Lansing's statement yesterday that no soundings had been taken of the attitude of the belligerents addressed and that the note had been sent regardless of central powers' proposals or of the reply of Lloyd George. The question very much to the fore to-day was whether the European neutrals would present a united appeal. The Spanish and Swiss representatives here have been at the state department repeatedly since those proposals came out and probably know fully the plans of this government. It is pointed out that the European neutrals have suffered beyond any other nations not actually involved in the war, and that

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FAMINE EXISTS IN AUSTRIA HUNGARY

Alarming News Reaches the Vatican From Diplomatic Sources

SERIOUS POLITICAL COMPLICATIONS FEARED

New York, Dec. 22.—The Sun this morning published the following: "Rome, Dec. 21.—Alarming news about the scarcity of food in Austria-Hungary, practically amounting to a famine, has reached the Vatican from diplomatic sources.

"This news greatly concerns the pope, who fears the reign of the new emperor, Charles, under such unfavorable auspices, will end disastrously. Internal conditions in Austria are said to be serious.

"Antagonism between Hungary and Austria is acute. Political complications are threatened, and the anti-war agitation is now widespread, and cannot be repressed by the authorities."

GERMAN PRESS IS HIGHLY INDIGNANT

Resents Disposition to Doubt Sincerity of Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The whole German press, including the Pan-German group with its far-extending aspirations of conquest, and most of the Socialist papers as well, express their unqualified astonishment at the attitude of the allies toward the chancellor's proposals for peace.

The Frankfurter Zeitung points out in an editorial, prominently displayed, that an immediate peace offer is the best possible chance for universal disarmament, both by land and sea, and for an international league to enforce peace. Delay in beginning negotiations, the article continues, will mean that the war must go on until one or the other of the belligerent groups is crushed, which would exclude the possibility of a league of equal nations and would prevent disarmament by mutual agreement.

The German attitude is that if Britain rejects the peace overtures she is needlessly prolonging, perhaps into another era, the regime of hatred between nations. The press is universally indignant at the allied disposition to doubt the chancellor's sincerity,

TEUTONS POWERLESS TO AID GREECE

King Constantine Convinced Resistance of Central Powers is Nearing End

INTERNAL SITUATION HAS BECOME GRAVE

Deposition of Greek Ruler May Be Postponed Until After the War

Rome, Dec. 22.—According to confidential information available to the Italian foreign office from Athens, where the negotiations between Greece and the allies were successfully concluded by the acceptance by Greece of the ultimatum of the allies, King Constantine is convinced that despite the military successes of the central powers their internal situation is so serious that further resistance beyond next spring seems practically impossible.

The Greek king, whose sympathies are still for Germany, has been informed that Germany's peace proposals is an admission of the weakened resistance of the central powers, who are powerless to aid Greece against the allies. This fact explains the immediate and unconditional acceptance of the ultimatum of the allies and compliance with their demand that the Greek army be transferred to the Morea, thus rendering impossible any attempt on the part of the Greeks to join the central powers and attack Gen. Sarraill's army in the rear. It is possible King Constantine's deposition will now be postponed until after the war.

RELEASED ON BONDS.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Baron Robert E. Oppenheim, London and Paris banker, held up at New York by immigration authorities on the ground that he had been implicated in charges involving moral turpitude, has been released by the immigration bureau, under a bond of \$1,000 for three months, pending further investigation.

Manifold hopes are entertained that if the belligerents meet, according to his suggestion, a working agreement will result. The press universally considers it highly improbable that any group of statesmen will continue the awful carnage on account of a few minor differences and declares that Germany is willing to grant all concessions possible to hasten the end of the war.

ALLIES WILL FIGHT UNTIL SECURITY OF EUROPE IS ESTABLISHED ON SURE FOUNDATION; SPEECH FROM THRONE

British Parliament Prorogued This Afternoon; Chancellor of Exchequer Says President Wilson's Note Cannot Be Dealt With Except in Communication With Other Members of the Entente

London, Dec. 22.—Parliament was prorogued this afternoon without the members being given any further information regarding President Wilson's note or what action the government contemplated with respect to it. Neither the note nor the German peace proposal was mentioned in the king's speech read in both Houses. The only reference to the Wilson note was made by Andrew Bonar Law, in reply to a question by Sir William Pollard Byles, a pacifist member, Mr. Law declaring that the question was one which could not be dealt with except in communication with the allies.

The speech from the throne was one of the briefest on record. It expressed confidence in the ultimate victory of the allies and determination to prosecute the war "until we have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated by our enemies and established the security of Europe on a sure foundation."

Mr. Bonar Law's speech in the Commons yesterday was regarded as Westminster as a direct answer to President Wilson. It was delivered with a degree of feeling which Mr. Law, the most unemotional of statesmen, has not displayed before. Corporal Hastings B. L. Smith, to whom he replied, is a Liberal member who opposed conscription, and he spoke as one from the ranks at the front.

To say that the note was received pleasantly or approvingly in governmental circles, in the parliamentary official set, or in the political clubs, where it was sharply discussed last night, would be directly contrary to the facts. The most bitter dissent was heard everywhere.

Nation's Reply.

The general public had their first news of President Wilson's note from the morning papers, and the matter was the one topic of conversation on incoming suburban trains and throughout the country. The public, like the press, were rather taken aback, as they had about arrived at the conclusion that Premier Lloyd George's speech had put an end to all peace talk unless the central powers, in their reply to the premier, were prepared to define their terms. That the president or any other neutral ruler would take any action was farthest from their minds. The evening papers, which do not print editorials, came out with big headlines, which expressed their views. The Evening News, which is the afternoon edition of the Daily Mail, heads a reprint of the comment of morning papers with the one word "No" in large black letters, and under it, "Our answer to President Wilson, and again 'No, no, no,' that's the answer Great Britain gives to-day without a moment's hesitation to the surprising note from President Wilson."

Press Comments.

The Globe to-day gives a secondary place to its comment upon President Wilson's note, which is made in a satirical vein under the heading of "What is the matter with him?" "We sincerely hope President Wilson

is the right spirit. It is a spirit which we believe animates the British people and their allies. They are not afraid of soundings."

"There should be no worse mistake than to think Mr. Wilson is doing to the allies what President Lincoln dreaded the European powers would do during his fight for the Union. We did not ask President Lincoln to save Lancashire at the expense of American liberty, and we are confident Mr. Wilson will not ask us to sacrifice our liberty in order to mitigate the hardships which the war inflicts upon Americans."

As to the question of the objects of the belligerents being virtually the same, the Star in its allusion to President Wilson's words in this case, says: "This is an astounding statement which we cannot, with the best will in the world, reconcile with facts."

INTENTIONS GOOD, BUT NOTE ILL-TIMED

Liverpool Post Declares Germany Cannot Maintain Present Position

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—The Post, referring to President Wilson's note suggesting that the belligerents make known their desires concerning peace, says: "President Wilson must not be surprised if, as far as the allies are concerned, his intervention produces a state of mind contrary to that at which he aims. The allies will readily give the president credit for the best of intentions, but they will be justified in wondering whether, from their point of view, the note is not particularly ill-timed and ill-judged."

"The president's assurance that the recent German overtures had no prompting influence on his proposals must be accepted. At the same time it is, to say the least, somewhat maladroitness that we should be so appealed to by the United States at a moment when the allies are at the height of their power and Germany knows her own apparently favorable position cannot possibly be maintained."

"On the other hand there is a possibility that Mr. Wilson's efforts are directed toward eliciting from Germany concrete terms of peace, which she withheld in her extraordinary approach to the entente. In that case a useful purpose may be served, for we then would be in a position to judge whether war-weariness is associated

ARTILLERY DUEL NORTH OF MONASTIR

Paris, Dec. 22.—An artillery duel of great intensity took place north of Monastir on Thursday, the war office announced in to-day's statement regarding operations on the Macedonian front. Along the eastern end of the line on the Struma front, encounters between patrols occurred.

KAISER TO CONFER WITH AMBASSADOR GERARD

London, Dec. 21.—In Berlin diplomatic circles, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam, it is understood that the German emperor will at an early date summon to headquarters the American ambassador, James W. Gerard, with the view to discussing with him possible American mediation and action.

NUN LOSES LIFE IN FIRE IN CONVENT

Quebec, Dec. 22.—The Roman Catholic cathedral at Clarke City, Seven Islands, on the north shore, with the bishop's palace and the convent of the French nuns, were destroyed by fire early to-day, after the explosion of a gasoline tank at the bishop's palace. One nun lost her life in the convent. News of the disaster was confirmed this afternoon at the cardinal's palace in this city.

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ELEVATED TO PEERAGE.

London, Dec. 20.—In accordance with the custom when there is a change in the government, the king has conferred honors on various persons recommended by him by the retiring premier. Lord Sandhurst, former Lord Chamberlain; Lewis Harcourt, former First Commissioner for Works, and Lord Cowdray are made viscounts, and Joseph Albert Pease, former Postmaster General for Scotland; Sir Thomas Roe, M. P., and Sir Edward Partington, director of the Manchester and Liverpool District bank, are made barons. A number of minor honors also have been conferred by the king. Mr. Harcourt, in a letter to his constituents announcing his resignation from the House of Commons, says that in person the old family peerage will be revived.

"If I stand on my head, the blood all rushes to my head, doesn't it?" No one ventured to contradict him. "Now," he continued triumphantly, "when I stand on my feet, why doesn't the blood all rush into my feet?" "Because," replied Hester McGinnis, "your feet are not empty."—Ham's Horn.

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AERIAL ACTIVITY ON WESTERN FRONT

British Aviators Drop Explosives at Points Behind German Lines

London, Dec. 22.—The following official statement was issued at mid-night:

"Last night a strong hostile raiding party approached our lines opposite Lens. Only a few of the enemy succeeded in reaching our trenches. They were promptly ejected, and the enemy was repulsed. Our losses were very slight.

"South west of Arras, a party of our troops successfully entered the enemy's trenches. We took over fifty prisoners in the course of the raid north of Arras, reported yesterday.

"To-day the artillery activity continued, especially along our front between the Somme and the Ancre, and in the neighborhood of Ypres.

"The improvement in the weather yesterday led to considerable aerial activity. In the course of our raids a ton of explosives was dropped on important military points behind the enemy lines. Much fighting occurred in the air. One enemy machine was destroyed and six others were driven down damaged. Four of our machines are missing.

"Paris, Dec. 22.—Last night's official statement reads:

"The enemy violently bombarded our lines in the sector of Louvemont-Vaux. Our artillery replied.

"There were other artillery actions of a spirited character at various points along the front, in one of which the enemy gas machines were destroyed by our fire between Berry-au-Bac and Rheims.

"The Belgian statement reads: 'Spirited artillery duels occurred in the regions of Dixmude, Streestraet and Boesinghe.'

"What do you suppose has come over my husband this morning, Sophia?" exclaimed a conscientious little bride on her wedding day. "I never saw him start down town so happy. He's whistling like a bird." "I'm afraid I'm to blame, mum," she replied. "I gave him a regular breakfast of soap, mum."—United Presbyterian.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE TEUTON POSITIONS

Petrograd Reports Tell of Counter-Attack on Enemy in Dobrudja

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The following official statement was issued last night:

"Western front: In the direction of Zlochoff the enemy bombarded our position in the region of the town of Garbusov and the village of Gukalove. Our artillery dispersed several groups of infantry and cavalry, which were moving north from the village of Pristova. Enemy attempts to cross the river Kenyva, the left tributary of the Zlota Lipa, in the region of the village of Chibalin, were checked by our fire.

"In the wooded Carpathians our detachments gained possession of a portion of the heights in the region south-east of the Kimpolung-Jacoben railway.

"Caucasus front: In the region of Telme, which is northwest of Kalkat, a party of our scouts, having driven the Turks from a portion of their front, demolished the defensive structures and munitions huts. A violent storm is raging in the mountains.

"Roumanian front: On the left bank of the Danube north of Buzov, engagements occurred with our advanced detachments. Between the Buzov-Riknik and the Iasi-Racovitz high roads firing between advanced infantry detachments and artillery duels are proceeding.

"The enemy is advancing on both sides of the Iasi-Racovitz high road, but is being held by our forces. On the Pirita-Stankuc front the enemy has pressed back our advanced guards. In Dobrudja the enemy assumed the offensive on the front from the Danube to Bakhkol. In the neighborhood of Balabanica and Bakhkol he succeeded in occupying a series of heights. The enemy was dislodged from several heights by our counter-attack, and for the domination of the rest the battle is continuing.

"On the Black Sea one of our submarines sank near the Bosphorus a steamer and 12 sailing vessels.

Berlin Report.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—A war office communication issued last night reads: "Aside from artillery actions in the Somme sector there has been no important engagement on any front."

Combats in the wooded Carpathians, where the Russians delivered their counter-attacks in an effort to relieve the harassed Roumanian army, are reported by the war correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt, says the Overseas News Agency, who describes the Russian offensive there as a waste of men and ammunition in fruitless attacks.

LONDON PRESS ON PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Daily Mail Says It Has Been Answered Before Its Delivery

London, Dec. 22.—Commenting on President Wilson's note the Daily Mail says:

"The greatest astonishment will be caused in this country by the news that the president of the United States has signalled his re-election by dispatching to the allies and enemy powers a note in which he expresses the opinion that the time has come for both sides to state their terms of peace.

"It contains the individual advice of the president, and is not to be regarded as in any sense constituting a diplomatic attempt at mediation. All the world knows Mr. Wilson's desire for peace. But we may doubt whether the note would ever have been sent if the British government had taken the trouble to put its case before the American people by such skillful and persistent propaganda as the pro-Germans in the United States have carried on.

"The document was evidently prepared before Mr. Lloyd George had uttered his historic speech on Tuesday. The result is that it has been answered before its delivery, for the allies' terms of peace are now known to all.

"Nor is there any possibility of considering peace in any form until Germany has retired within her own border. It would be a simple affront to the allies to ask them to discuss terms while the enemy is still in occupation of Belgium, northern France, Poland, Roumania, Serbia and Montenegro.

"We cannot for a moment suppose that Mr. Wilson regards negotiations possible for France while the Germans hold Lille, are almost within sight of Paris, and are still hammering with their guns upon the noble cathedral of Rheims.

"The United States owes an immense debt to France, its sister republic, which it cannot liquidate by counselling an ignominious surrender."

The Daily Mail quotes Lincoln: "It is an issue which only can be tried by war and settled by victory. The war will cease on the part of this government whenever it shall have ceased on the part of those who began it," and says peace while Germany "is in possession of her plunder would river her fetters on the world for generations."

"There are two considerations," the Daily Mail concludes, "which he would suggest to President Wilson, believing his mind to be both candid and detached. Let us suppose peace is concluded before Germany is beaten in the field (and he evidently thinks she is not beaten so far), what guarantee is there that she will not repudiate a new treaty the minute it suits her purpose? How will it rid the world of this plot, bag and intriguing military jagot in Berlin if William II. is permitted to call on his weak neighbors to cut their throats and then escape peacefully and happily with their property? The war cannot end until Germany has overthrown the bloodthirsty, unscrupulous military tyranny she is now trying to impose on us, or until the last man in this country who loves liberty is killed."

The Times.

"The Times credits President Wilson with complete sincerity, but fears that his suggestion will be misunderstood, and has no doubt whatever regarding the reception the note will have at the hands of every allied government and nation.

"They, according to The Times, will unquestionably treat it as Lincoln and Seward treated all suggestions of European interference in the civil war.

"The premiers of England, France, Italy and Russia," says The Times, "have all plainly and vigorously declared the course desired by Germany to be utterly inadmissible, and any variation of this view out of deference to President Wilson's views is altogether unthinkable."

"We should have supposed that by this time the irreconcilable conflict between the objects of the allies and the objects of the central powers was plain to all. We share to the full President Wilson's humanitarian feelings; we are even fighting for them. But we see no hope of a just and lasting peace until Prussian militarism has been laid low by the field of battle."

"Under such conditions it would be a crime against our dead and against future generations to acknowledge the triumph of militarism and confess the failure of democracy. For these reasons we cannot listen to President Wilson's pleadings. We trust the note will be treated by all the allies with the civility it deserves, but we are confident it will not stay the hand of any of them in vindicating the liberty of nations."

The Daily News.

The Daily News, which is the nearest to a pacifist among the London newspapers, says:

"No one can fail to appreciate the spirit in which the proposal is made or appreciate the terms in which it is couched. The history of the great struggle in his own country is too recent and too memorable for President Wilson to be unaware of the perils of too hasty intervention. From our side it was the spectre of European intervention that haunted Lincoln, especially in those days when the cause of the North was passing through its darkest phase.

"Mr. Wilson is far too wise to add that trouble to the enormous burdens of the nations engaged in the struggle for liberty not less vital, and far greater. He is taking soundings. He finds the water still too deep he will wait until a more favorable opportunity."

The newspaper says the central powers would accept the note eagerly, and despite their arrogance the door

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Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The following casualty lists have been issued:

Infantry.

Wounded—Pte. W. H. Hoare, England; Pte. J. P. Jeffrie, England; Cpl. A. Kelman, Scotland; Pte. Jas. Moore, England; Pte. Fred Reeve, England; Sgt. F. H. Reeve, England; Pte. Sam Skilling, Scotland; Pte. R. Sim, Scotland; Pte. T. Wynne, Wales.

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pte. W. S. Moffatt, Newmarket, Ont.; Sgt. J. Nuttall, Hespeler, Ont.; Sgt. A. Taylor, Quebec; Sgt. Chas. Hanson, Ottawa; Pte. O. Bergeron, Quebec.

Died of wounds—Pte. Frank Dupuis, Three Rivers, Que.; Lieut. J. H. Grant, Nelson, B. C.

Died—Pte. R. E. McDonald, Owen Sound, Ont.

Previously reported missing; now unofficially died prisoner of war—Pte. John McCouch, Pincher Creek, Alta.

Previously reported missing; now unofficially reported prisoner of war—Pte. Arthur Simms, Russell, Man.; Pte. B. Storey, Brockville, Ont.

Missing—Cpl. C. E. Howson, Toronto; Pte. Wm. Trappitt, Mountbatten, Ont.

Dangerously ill—Pte. S. Cornish, Toronto; Pte. V. G. Thomas, Toronto.

Wounded—Pte. P. Kennedy, Napier, Man.; Pte. J. La Fortune, Cobble Hill, B. C.; Lieut. H. B. Hebron, Cloverdale, B. C.; Pte. F. J. J. Shilling, Winnipeg; Pte. A. Leamouth, Winnipeg; Cpl. Thomas McIlveen, Winnipeg; Pte. K. M. Morris, Bradford, Ont.; Pte. F. Mitchell, Lake Hill, P. O. Victoria, B. C.; Pte. L. W. Payne, Winnipeg; Pte. R. J. Ryan, Collington, Alta.; Pte. J. M. Laird, Toronto; Pte. G. R. Lilly, Toronto; Cpl. R. P. Ravie, Toronto; Sgt. Arthur Thompson, Toronto; Pte. John Thompson, Newfoundland; Pte. R. N. Wallace, Toronto; Pte. C. R. Yates, Toronto.

Engineers.

Killed in action—Pte. L. Cayley, Calgary.

Artillery.

Killed in action—Pte. H. I. Sawyer, Ottawa.

Died of wounds—Sgt. H. S. Hayes, Trenton, Ont.

Wounded—Pte. Douglas Lauder, St. Catharines, Ont.

Infantry.

Previously reported missing; believed killed; now reported killed in action—Pte. W. B. Martin, Fort Hawkesbury, N. S.

Dangerously ill—Pte. E. B. Stutz, Telkwa, B. C.

Wounded—Pte. A. Connell, Keltiler, Sask.; Lieut. Thos. McGee, Soc. Ont.; Pte. W. J. McMillan, Chatham, Ont.; Pte. E. M. Peck, Forest City, N. B.; Pte. A. Maltre, Barrie, Ont.

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Quebec, Dec. 22.—The Provincial Treasurer's Licensing Bill, introduced in the Quebec legislature, has all the radical amendments to the liquor licence act that had been expected, and a few others as well.

As regards control of the liquor traffic, the bill provides for enactments as follows:

There are to disappear by May, 1918, being replaced by cafes with tables.

Wholesale reductions are to take place at once in the number of licences held throughout Quebec province, and those which remain in force will be under increased taxation, which will mean for the government the same revenue as with the larger number of licences now in effect. In Montreal, for instance, fifty licences are to be cut off next May, and in May, 1918, one hundred more will be cancelled, all without compensation to the holders.

The hours of sale are to be from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

"Treating" is forbidden, and a fine is provided for both parties in cases where one person is detected inebriating a drink paid for by another.

The sale to or giving of liquor to soldiers in uniform is prohibited so long as the war lasts, provided the militia department publishes notice in the official Gazette that bars and cafes are out of bounds.

The number of stores licensed to sell liquors in Montreal is to be cut in half by May, 1919, and those still holding licences will have to pay rates that will mean no loss in revenue for the government. The selling of liquors must be separated from the grocery and other businesses, and sale of liquors in stores where other wares are handled is to be unlawful.

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MANY DROWNED

Two Vessels Reported to Have Been Sunk by Mines.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The Frankfurter Zeitung has received a report from Lugano, Switzerland, saying that a vessel, the name of which is unknown, on December 13, hit a mine in the Adriatic and sank with its entire crew, according to the Overseas News Agency.

The report adds that Lieut. General Orli Brandese, the Italian chief commander in Albania, and numerous sailors were drowned.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—The small Russian steamer Siffert has been sunk by striking a mine near Abo, Finland, according to advices received here. Fifty-nine persons were killed in the disaster. Only one person aboard the steamer was saved.

WILL BE LIBERATED

London, Dec. 22.—The government has decided to release Irish prisoners who were interned after the rebellion in Ireland.

Henry E. Duke, chief secretary for Ireland, announced in the House yesterday: "The time has come when the advantages of releasing these men far outweigh the risk, and I have advised the government. Steps therefore were taken to-day to proceed with the least possible delay to return the interned prisoners to their homes."

According to the statement of the secretary for foreign affairs in the House of Commons last October, there were 53 Irishmen interned in connection with the recent rebellion.

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SUNK WITHOUT WARNING.

Washington, Dec. 22.—An official report to the state department yesterday from the American consul at Malta said that the British horse ship *Ursula*, bound from Salonica to Montreuil, in ballast, with six Americans in the crew, was sunk without warning by a torpedo from a submarine of unknown nationality on December 13. Two officers reported seeing the wake of the submarine and its periscope, but not its flag. The survivors, including the six Americans, were landed at Malta six hours afterward. Four men still are missing. The state department has ordered further investigation.

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BRITISH OPERATIONS IN MESOPOTAMIA

London, Dec. 22.—The following official communication regarding the operations in Mesopotamia was issued last night: "During the night of Sunday British airplanes successfully bombed the enemy's air craft west of Kut-el-Amara. Monday and Wednesday strong reconnaissances were made to the west of the Shumran band in the Tigris. "During the last few days the enemy's positions about Sannayat and Kut were heavily bombarded with satisfactory results. The bridge over the Hal river near its junction with the Tigris was destroyed by our fire."

NEW TAXES IN FRANCE.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The chamber of deputies has approved a batch of new taxes, among them a graduated tax on theatre and vaudeville tickets. Moving picture establishments must pay five per cent on monthly receipts under 25,000 francs, 10 per cent from 25,000 to 50,000 francs, 20 per cent from 50,000 to 100,000 and 25 per cent on receipts in excess of that. Forty francs per hundred kilos is imposed on refined sugar. The price of tobacco is also raised as well as the rates on letter and postal card postage, telegrams, telephone calls and money orders.

SECURITY FOR PEACE IN TIME TO COME

Chancellor of Exchequer Replies to Pacifist in the Commons

PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE VOICED NATION'S VIEWS

London, Dec. 22.—There was further discussion of Germany's peace offer in the House of Commons last night. Sir John A. Simon, on behalf of himself and a group of followers, gave unqualified support to Premier Lloyd George's speech in the House of Commons, and then Mr. Hastings B. Smith, Liberal member for Northampton, sounded a new note—urging that the German proposals be allowed to see the light of day. Mr. Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer and member of the war council, promptly rose in behalf of the government and declared that if the tone of Mr. Smith's speech permeated the country, then all the blood and treasure which had been spent in the war would have been spent in vain.

"My understanding," said Mr. Smith in his address, "is that the reply of the premier to the German note was to the effect that the door was not yet closed. That is a wise whisper and the best possible answer at this stage. The German proposals should be allowed to see the light of day. If they disclose an aggressive purpose, then the German people will realize that they are not suffering and dying for their mere existence, as they have been told. If it were put to a vote of the men at the front whether—provided we could obtain guarantees that our honorable obligations would be fulfilled—we should then make a serious effort to get the parties together, then I am certain such a proposition would be carried by virtual unanimity."

"I am not prepared to face the prospect of a military decision, which means a war of attrition, unless I am convinced that there is no other way out. I believe in the security scheme by which the nations agree together each to guarantee all and all guarantee each. An attempt to hold the central empires down by a military decision followed by economic strangulation, would mean carrying forward into peace all the hostilities and hatreds of the war. It would divide Europe into two hostile camps, and would make war more inevitable and deadly than ever, and would fasten conscription and militarism forever on all nations."

Must Have Guarantees.

Mr. Bonar Law said: "If the spirit of the speech to which we have just listened were to permeate the country I believe that all the blood and treasure which have been spent in the war would have been spent in vain."

"It is all very well to say 'let us get their terms of peace.' Yes, but can you get any terms more binding than the treaty for the protection of the neutrality of Belgium? Can you come to any conclusions on paper, or by promises, that will give us greater security than we had before the war?"

Not this nation alone, but the neutral nations, will, I hope, understand the position at which we have now arrived. Germany has made peace proposals. On what basis? On the basis of her victorious armies. Is there a man who, considering the conditions under which this war was forced on us and the conditions under which the war has been carried on, honestly believes that the dangers and insecurities from which we have suffered can be cured in any other way than by making the Germans realize that frightfulness does not pay, that militarism is not going to rule the world?"

"What are we fighting for? Not territory nor great strength as a nation. We are fighting for two things—for peace now and for security for peace in time to come. Let the House remember what has happened in this war—outrages in Belgium, outrages by sea and land, massacres in Armenia, which Germany could have stopped by a word—then realize this: The war will have been fought in vain, utterly in vain, unless we can make sure that it shall never again be in the power of any state to do what Germany has done."

"Is peace to come in this way on the basis that the greatest crime in the world's history is to go absolutely unpunished? Is it my firm belief that unless all nations in the world can be made to realize that these moral forces must be vindicated there never can be an enduring peace."

"I am not afraid. I am sure our troops will fight to the end. If the people at home who up to now have made few sacrifices, except the sacrifice of those dear to them, are determined in this matter, and if they believe that the objects for which they are fighting can be secured, then there is no sacrifice we are not prepared to make."

Supports Premier.

Sir John Simon, the former secretary for home affairs, on behalf of himself and his followers, endorsed Premier Lloyd George's speech.

"It may be desirable, in view of past events," he said, "to make quite plain in a few sentences how universal and widespread is the acceptance in all sections of opinion, in all parts of the country, of the premier's declaration in reply to the German message. The premier told us plainly that in no proper sense of the word was the communication received from Germany a peace proposal at all."

"A proposal involves propositions, and it is a misuse of language to talk about a message containing no suggestion of terms as a proposal. If, indeed, the message had contained terms, it would receive a clear and specific answer."

"If in times like these any belligerent comes forward with the expression of the desire for peace, everything is to be gained from every point of view by testing the sincerity of his declaration. But the only declaration received from Germany was a mere paraphrase of von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech in the Reichstag, without even an outline of the terms. It is obvious that the chancellor was then addressing the German people. A communication of that kind is not a peace proposal at all."

"The premier has not slammed the door on peace; he has pointed out that any discussion without some previous suggestion of terms must necessarily be a delusion and a sham. I believe that nobody in this country could seriously expect any other reply than that which the premier has given."

"My resignation from the late government was due to differences as to the methods whereby we could secure our maximum strength; there was no difference with regard to the war. "The premier has spoken the views and mind of the nation. They are all agreed that, first, it would be an unpardonable crime for any government to allow war to continue for a single unnecessary hour, and, secondly, it would be the deepest treachery to falter in securing by force of arms, if need be, or by more reasonable methods when the opportunity comes, those objects—essentially defensive and unaggressive—for which we entered the war."

The rainbow that stretched across the sky over Monastir on the morning of the allied occupation—the archway to a victorious and liberated Serbia—has its great historical parallel in the "Sun of Austerlitz." The magnificent sunrise of the day of Napoleon's famous victory over the combined Russians and Austrians opened the most brilliant years of his career. Even to-day the French soldiers call an unusually impressive sunrise "Le soleil d'Austerlitz."—London Chronicle.

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THAT NOTE.

In his powerful arraignment of President Wilson's action regarding peace terms, Frank Simonds, who is, in fact, one of the editors of the New York Tribune, describes the effect of the president's action as follows:

"In the eyes of Europe to-day the United States is no longer a nation dedicated to the championship of noble principles and committed to the support of a just peace. To-day and henceforth we have become the agents and purveyors of a German peace."

"The nation that did not protest when Belgium was invaded could not wait until the liberation and restoration of Belgium were assured before it raised its voice on behalf of whatever German purposes lie undisclosed behind the German proposal."

The terms of the note are irritating enough, especially where they state that "each side desires to make the rights and privileges of weak peoples and small states as secure against aggression or denial in the future as the rights and privileges of the great and powerful states now at war." With the awful experience of Belgium and Serbia before him, in the one case the wrong admitted by the German chancellor in the Reichstag, it is inexplicable how anyone endowed with a sense of moral discrimination could draw such a parallel. Even while the note was being transmitted a petition signed by the leading people of the republic in every sphere of activity was on its way to the White House urging the president "to throw the whole influence of his office against the reversion to barbarism" expressed in the wholesale enslavement of the hapless Belgians—a scathing contradiction of Dr. Wilson's extraordinary view that both sides were fighting for the same objects.

The entente's answer might very properly quote the words of Lincoln when suggestions of mediation in the civil war came from Europe. The great emancipator would not listen to the idea for a moment. The war would end, he said, with the overthrow of those who began it and when the principles for which the union was making its heavy sacrifices had been vindicated. The present description of the position of the United States as "intolerable" is beside the question, for if it means anything it is that the president wants the war to cease no matter what happens in Europe, because he fears he may be called upon to defend American lives and interests sacrificed by Germany. What we are concerned with is the position of Belgium, France, Serbia and Poland, the victims of the bloody plot from the consequences of which the authors are trying to wriggle with the help of influences friendly to them in the United States.

Not a whisper came from Washington when the neutrality of Belgium was violated, not only in the face of the treaty of which Prussia was one of the chief signatories, but of The Hague Convention, to which the United States was an important partner. Germany then was not asked to state

what she was fighting for. The president then was counselling the people of the United States to "think America," to "think neutrally," while Germany was being murdered at Douvain, Malines, Aerschot and Dinant, and while France, which contributed blood and treasure to the foundation of the American nation, was being attacked by the uniformed yegmen of the German kaiser. Now, when the very same element responsible for this horrible outbreak and the countless atrocities which followed, and are still going on, is confronted with the final defeat of its aims and the certainty of retribution, and is trying to escape with enough to justify its course to its own dupes, President Wilson asks the entente—asks France, Belgium, Serbia and Montenegro as part of the whole—to declare what they are fighting for! What was the North fighting for when the South confronted it in all its armed power? What was Germany fighting for a century ago when she was struggling against Napoleon? If President Lincoln were alive to-day he would not have asked that question. In any case, if the causes and origin of the war were none of President Wilson's concern, as he stated some time ago, it is hard to understand how he can expect to gain any enlightenment through the dispatch of his latest note. As long as German soldiers stand upon the soil of their neighbors, no vague overture for peace will receive any consideration at the hands of the entente. No matter how many notes of inquiry go forth from Washington.

AUSTRIA'S CONDITION.

According to a dispatch to the New York Sun from Rome "alarming news" of the food scarcity in Austria-Hungary has been received at the Vatican. Internal conditions in the dual monarchy are said to be serious; antagonism between Austria and Hungary is acute and the anti-war agitation has gained such ground that it cannot be suppressed by the authorities. There are the very best reasons for believing this description of the state of affairs in Germany's chief ally to be correct. Some months ago Field Marshal von Hindenburg gave a boastful interview to the chief journal of Vienna which patently was intended to stimulate the waning morale of the dual monarchy. It is well known, of course, that there has been for some time a powerful, rapidly-growing element in Hungary favorable to a separate peace. This is really the Hungarian independence party, the custodian of the Kossuth tradition and the turbulent, in fact riotous, proceedings of the Hungarian parliament reflected the strength and vigor of its propaganda. The death of Francis Joseph undoubtedly gave a fillip to this movement. In addition to this the substitution of German officers for Hungarians in command of Hungary's units, by far the largest part of the Austro-Hungarian forces, is widely resented.

A short time ago Herr Batocki, the Prussian food dictator, paid a visit to Vienna to organize the system of food distribution in the dual monarchy. More recently the entire Austrian cabinet resigned in a body—not long after the late premier was assassinated. It is evident that conditions there have reached a critical stage, and it is not improbable, indeed, that Germany's present offer is due more to pressure from her ally than from her own necessities, bad as they may be. Another circumstance which might have some connection with the situation lies in the fact that the new emperor, Charles, until recently was coached by Count Berchtold, who was foreign minister of the dual monarchy at the outbreak of war. Berchtold is now known to have strongly opposed Prussian influences at Vienna, and he was notoriously disliked in Berlin. He resigned some time after the struggle began and was given a nominal court position, but he is believed to have been actually instructing Francis Joseph's heir in his duties as the future sovereign. In any case Austria, as the weaker vessel in the Teutonic combination, is bound to feel the strain, internal and external, first, and the refusal of Germany's overture might conceivably break the alliance of the two empires and have a sequel in negotiations by Austria for a separate peace.

THE REAL MENACE.

"Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Following a report of German submarines operating in the North Atlantic trades routes, the cruiser fleet patrolling the North Atlantic and the Eastern shores of Canada is to be increased immediately. The vessels in the increased service will be manned by Canadians as far as possible, and the call is issued for men with previous sea training, up to the age of 45."—Press Dispatch.

This important duty would have been performed largely by Canadian cruisers and destroyers if the Canadian navy programme adopted by the Laurier government had been carried out by their successors. The most dangerous menace the allies have to face to-day is not the German navy skulking in Kiel and Wilhelmshaven or even the German army, for that

matter, for both of these are securely held. It is in the activities of enemy super-submarines against the food supply of the strongest nation of the entente group, which must import four-fifths of what it consumes. If those activities accomplished their purpose Germany would win the war even if Britain had five hundred dreadnoughts. German submarines on the trade routes can be combated only by fast light cruisers and destroyers, once stigmatized by certain people in this country as "tin-pots." For this purpose a dreadnought would be absolutely useless.

THE BY-ELECTION.

The return of the two ministers in the Vancouver by-election yesterday occasioned no surprise here, where there was no reason to suspect that the electorate across the Gulf had lost its sanity since September 14. Any supposition that the voters of Vancouver who had endorsed Mr. Macdonald by overwhelming majorities twice in ten months would discard him now at the behest of a combination of disgruntled agitators, led by Joseph Martin and backed by the Bowser press, was the dream of a rarebit fiend. The common-sense of the community was bound to reject the smug pretensions of political purity emphasized under such auspices, aside from the fact that Vancouver is heartily sick of elections and desires to have the new government given a chance to carry out its policies. The by-election never should have been necessary. It was a waste of public funds and a reflection upon the intelligence of the electors.

The opposition was directed solely against Mr. Macdonald, who seems to have dislocated a great many fond aspirations when he disastrously overthrew Mr. Tisdall last February and headed the poll in the recent general election. The nondescript agglomeration which aligned itself against him, hoped that the guileless electors by casting their ballots for McTaggart and the Hon. Ralph Smith, would squeeze the attorney-general into oblivion. The fusionists worked it out on paper to their own satisfaction, and even issued cards indicating how the electors should set their marks, but the voters voted to suit themselves. McTaggart obviously received no more than an insignificant proportion of the Liberal vote. His total was contributed mainly by that part of the Bowser following which was influenced by the appeals of the Bowser newspapers, and a dozen or two free and independent electors who still accept the guidance of Joseph Martin.

Mr. Macdonald has every reason to feel gratified over his fresh vindication. His has been an experience probably unexampled in this Dominion. In less than a year he has been sustained three times by his constituents in the most decisive manner, twice drawing record totals at the head of the polls. Had he and McTaggart been the only candidates yesterday the latter would have been beaten worse than Mr. Tisdall was in the by-election of February last. His opponents now have been finally and completely routed. Mr. McTaggart will have to await some more propitious occasion to gratify his political ambitions. Joseph Martin can look for some other target for his incorrigible malice and envy. The Vancouver newspapers which interrupted the promotion of Mr. Stevens's twenty-one-million-dollar real estate scheme to support Mr. McTaggart in the interests of "political purity," can revert to their prospectively profitable pre-occupation. As for the electors of Vancouver, they can enjoy a well-earned rest.

We are informed officially by Washington that President Wilson's peace note was written and dispatched because of a feeling that there was danger of the United States becoming involved in the war owing to infractions of American rights by belligerent powers. This all the warring nations are placed upon the same footing as regards infractions of the rights of the United States. Even if it were true that the allied powers have been equally guilty with Germany in the matters which have filled Washington with apprehension, that they have murdered American citizens and have been warned against committing such "unfriendly acts" again upon pain of being held to "strict accountability" by both word and deed, why should it be necessary to end the war on that account? Is the nation which in many respects is the greatest in the world not capable of protecting its own rights and the lives of its citizens? Is it necessary that Belgium should be wiped permanently from the map of the world and her people enslaved, Serbia obliterated and all the crimes which the Huns have perpetrated go unpunished because the United States appears to be fearful that she is incapable of taking her own part in the strenuous affairs of the world? Surely never was such an extraordinary note penned as President Wilson's latest.

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It has been adjudged a breach of military regulations carrying certain dire pains and penalties for little children to show themselves in public places dressed in the King's uniform. It would be interesting to find out why such an order has been issued. The sight of a little lad thus nattily clad and jauntily marching along swinging his swagger stick is pleasing to the eye even of persons of the most pacific proclivities. Why it should be an offence against military regulations is something no ordinary fellow can understand, and we doubt whether even authority could give an explanation that would be satisfactory to common sense. But of course we may be mistaken.

Germany fears the final break up of the old-time Triple Alliance. Italy drove a wedge into it when she refused to join her partners in their aggression, and now Germany is apprehensive lest the dual monarchy withdraws from the war and finishes the business. That fear is well-founded. Indeed, if the war is persisted in by the allies Austria-Hungary must inevitably fall to pieces. The interesting question arises, would the process end there? Would Bavaria and Saxony still stick to the Prussian ship?

Germany has not specifically outlined the peace terms which she demands "from strength and not from weakness," but she has practically admitted that her dream of magnificent indemnities from the big powers has evaporated like "the baseless fabric" of a vision. Still she did succeed in levying blackmail upon her weaker neighbors, and that she will be compelled to refund with interest compounded and a penny or two thrown in for luck.

Berlin will have to do without Christmas trees for this season at least. The deprivation possibly does not extend to the household of the Hohenzollerns, but we doubt whether the All-Highest is in the mood just now to bother himself with such sentimental gew-gaws.

The Huns are not to have peace before Christmas, probably not even an armistice during Christmas. So the Kaiser's pledge to his oft-deluded subjects is of no more account than one of his "scraps of paper."

Our fervent hope is that the alleged "purity squad" of Vancouver having found out where it stands in public opinion, all political turmoil in this

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province may be considered at an end for some years to come.

The essence of President Wilson's extraordinary note is that the war must stop and "freedom vanish from the earth," lest the United States become embroiled.

THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG.

What sounds like the true explanation of the Belgian deportations has been blurted out by Governor General Von Bissing, a blunt soldier, whose incapacity for tergiversation has already distinguished him notably in the case of his execution of Edith Cavell. All the explanations about economic needs are abolished at one stroke, if this is the real explanation.

The governor-general says he is "not in Belgium to martyrize the population nor mete out punishment, but only to further the interests of Germany in the most comprehensive way." He is "an old soldier," he says, and would not "like to use arms against this unarmed population. Then he continues:

"I consider that I am serving the emperor and the Fatherland to the best advantage when I cause the least possible German blood to flow here and the fewest possible Germans to be withdrawn from our front lines to watch over Belgium."
Not a word about economic necessities. Germany needs men at the front. She has a large garrison in Belgium on which to draw. She cannot draw on it too much for fear of a revolt in Belgium when the garrison becomes weak. Therefore, in order to withdraw the German soldiers needed in Roumania and on the Somme, and at the same time guard Belgium as efficiently as ever, she removes as much as is necessary of the Belgian population to a place where they could not revolt if they wished. Every dozen or so of Belgians deported means a German soldier released from watching them and sent to the front. Simple, almost crude, in fact, and completely German. Thus a few Belgians torn from their homes represent another rifle on the firing line. In addition the Belgians, when they reach their German destination, have to work for Germany and release other Germans who would otherwise be doing that work; but that is merely nagging; the direct profit is the German soldier dropping his garrison-work and hastening to the Somme.

In everything he has said for the last year General Von Bissing has rendered a service to the truth. He does not hide or diminish or alter the truth, simply because he cannot imagine that the truth will jar any neutral ear. If Von Bissing were only in the admiralty, how much pretense and ostroid-hiding would vanish. Can one imagine him covering up submarine outrages with stories about how the submarines were defending themselves from blood-thirsty liners, or hiding attacks on

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Mr. David Morrice, one of Montreal's best known business men, has just joined the Great Majority, his death

occurring a few days ago after a brief illness. Mr. Morrice was vice-president of the D. Morrice Co., Ltd., a director of the Canadian Cottons Company, of Penman's Company, Ltd., and other financial and industrial corporations. His father, the late David Morrice, who died two years ago, was the real founder of the cotton industry in Canada, and his son was brought up in that business and in a large measure took the father's place during the last two years. Montreal Journal of Commerce.

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Hillside Avenue Appeal.—The objections which were raised by F. A. McDiarmid, who is appearing for the property owners on Hillside avenue in an appeal against the assessment on a part of Hillside avenue, were to certain sums which were included in the cost of the widening scheme. These amounts were: For advertising, \$422; arbitrator's fees, \$599; surveys, \$18; registration of titles, \$35.30; bank interest, \$5,971.58. The case has been adjourned until Monday, January 8, in order to give the city solicitor more time to prepare his defence.

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Gladys Hulette

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AT THE COLUMBIA.

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Miss Johnston has written for Miss Hulette a story called "Prudence, the Pirate." It has been produced under the direction of William Parke and is to be shown at the Royal Victoria theatre to-night and Saturday.

Here is the same combination that made "The Shine Girl" a hit. Gladys Hulette is the star, William Parke is the director and Agnes C. Johnston is the author. In addition to this, the cast supporting Miss Hulette includes Flora Finch—well remembered for her work with the late John Bunny—Riley Chamberlin and Barnett Parker.

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P. Burgoyne and Mrs. Burgoyne, of Bainbridge Island, are new arrivals at the Dominion.

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C. J. Stewart, Mrs. Stewart and the Misses Stewart, of Bounty, Sask., are staying at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. H. Patterson, Jas. Learn and sister, and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Genues, all of Saskatoon,

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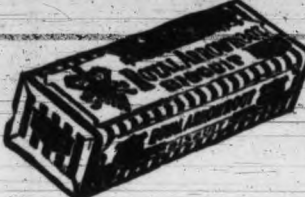
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CHRISTMAS CAROLS FEATURE CONCERT

Many Attend Ladies' Musical Club Recital at Empress Hotel

Patrons of the Ladies' Musical Club concert at the Empress ballroom last night were delighted with the seasonable character of the music, Christmas carols and Noel songs making up a very large part of the programme. It was probably the announcement of this fact that brought such an unusually large audience, the hall being packed, and particularly cordial applause being given the pretty old carols which were contributed by J. D. Macey's picked choir. The entertainment proved so entirely satisfactory that it is to be hoped that the club will continue to organize periodically characteristic programmes of the kind.

The idea of such a programme was crystallized and given expression right at the opening of the concert, when the whole audience rose and sang the beautiful Christmas hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful," the choir leading, accompanied by organ and piano. The effect was very moving. Immediately thereafter came the first group of carols, "Silent Night," the familiar song in which the good tidings of the birth of the Saviour are told; and "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen," the antiquity of which is obvious. Mrs. Longfield sang the solo part of the first, Mrs. Macdonald Fahey of the second, the choir joining in with very pleasing effect after the manner of the carol singers in the choruses. The other carols came at the very end of the programme, "Good King Wenceslas," of course, not being omitted, while a very charming new Noel song by G. Jennings Burnette, whose composition conveys the idea and spirit of the carol admirably, was sung for the first time. The latter was given a very cordial reception, the audience being anxious to give due tribute to a local composer who has already done much for music in Victoria. The choir, under the excellent leadership of J. Douglas Macey, sang with very nice musical feeling, poise and balance.

Apart from the carols the Messiah excerpts were next in order of popularity. The air and chorus, "O Thou That Tellest," was faultlessly rendered, Mrs. Jesse Longfield taking the solo part in a very understanding manner. Mrs. Sprange and Mr. Jesse Longfield, at the piano and organ respectively, accompanied this as well as the carol and subsequent Messiah numbers, with the exception of "Rejoice Greatly," in which Mrs. Nasmith accompanied Mrs. Macdonald Fahey. The last-mentioned singer's wonderful breath-control and other technical equipment were brought into full play in this number.

Mrs. Gideon Hicks gave a very pleasing reading of "He Shall Feed His Flock," this beautiful air being succeeded by the no less beautiful "Come Unto Me." All these Messiah airs were given very cordial applause. Of the remaining numbers on the programme special mention should be made of the Beethoven C minor concerto, the allegro movement from which was played by Miss Marian Heming, Miss May Mitchell playing the orchestral score on the second piano. The composition is one which displays much of which this classic composer was capable in the way of structural finish and mastery of technique, and, as was anticipated, Miss Heming did full justice to the subject, being absolutely at home with the music and bringing out the real beauty of the work. At the second piano Miss May Mitchell also did admirable work, showing unexpected powers as a pianist. A second young artist who won much praise at the concert was Miss Lotus Griffith, who has not previously been heard at one of these recitals. It came upon the Midnight Chorus, which she sang, is perhaps not such a beautiful setting as the more familiar one used for the same words, but the freshness of her voice and a remarkably good enunciation made it a favorite.

The two remaining numbers on the programme were by Mrs. Gideon Hicks, who was recalled for an encore after singing "The Gift," and Mrs. Fahey, who sang two quaintly-intervalled Christmas songs by Cornelius. Mrs. A. E. Sprange appeared for the first time at one of these concerts as accompanist, filling the role with distinction. Mrs. Walsh Nasmith accompanied Mrs. Macdonald Fahey. Mr. Jesse Longfield in the carol and oratorio numbers assisting ably at the organ. The programme was arranged by Mrs. Gideon Hicks.

During the interval Mrs. Powell, one of the first officers of the Ladies' Musical Club, made a brief address, referring with gratification to the apparently increased interest in music evidenced by the large audience present, and appealing for an increase of membership in the club.

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James Fairweather, the water commissioner and assessor for Oak Bay, was last night appointed to the position of returning officer for the coming elections. The nominations will take place on January 8 in the municipal hall, and if there should be a poll it will take place the following Saturday in the high school building.

At the time of the municipal election the people will be asked to decide whether the holiday for the storekeepers shall be on Saturday or Wednesday. At present the Oak Bay stores close on Wednesday and keep open late on Saturdays. Municipal auditor J. S. Floyd explained that a similar vote was to be taken at Saanich and Esquimalt.

J. S. Floyd was formally appointed auditor for the school board accounts, and the meeting then adjourned.

WAS IN EGYPT WITH AUSTRALIAN TROOPS

Some Experiences of D. E. Townsend, Here on Government Business

Some interesting experiences have recently fallen to D. E. Townsend, who has just arrived in the city from New York to co-operate with the representatives of Price, Waterhouse & Company, resident in the province, in connection with the audit of provincial accounts.

Mr. Townsend was in Australia when the war broke out, and in December, 1914, received a second lieutenant's commission in the Seventh Australian Light Horse, under Col. Cox, a well known South African veteran. Various details of the force were picked up at the various ports, and eventually when they finally sailed from Fremantle for Egypt there were 12 vessels filled with Australian troops, and conveyed by British cruisers. Passing Cocos Island they saw the wreck of the celebrated raider Emden, which had at that time been about a month on the island. Eventually they debarked at Port Said and proceeded to Cairo. During the period of training, they had many opportunities to explore the Pyramids and other wonders of the land of the Nile, incidentally losing two men by falls from lofty points of vision on some of these marvellous monuments of a past civilization.

Lieut. Townsend was then detailed to patrol work at the Suez Canal, and had plenty of experience there as just at that time a raid by the Arabs was anticipated, and the nomads of the desert had to be circumvented by the many little tactics which are now familiar to so many readers. He was not fated to participate in the tragedy at Gallipoli peninsula, his eyesight failing, and he was sent on to England to recuperate, after temporary attention in camp. Of 500 of that regiment who went to Gallipoli, only 37 returned from that unfortunate campaign.

British Popular. At Marseilles he mentions an incident as showing the wonderful outburst of enthusiasm for the British in France at that time. Some officers returning from India were with him, and they were carried shoulder high up one of the principal streets of Marseilles. Since June, 1915, when he returned to London, he has been back again in civilian employment, latterly in the United States on behalf of Price, Waterhouse & Co., investigating munition contracts in the East. He remarked to the Times representative that some of the hours worked by men in the munition factories would astonish the average Londoner. Many artisans scarcely cease to sleep some days at all, and seven days a week in the regular programme in chasing the mighty dollar. "It is estimated," he states, "that about \$100,000,000 has been put into buildings, machinery, and equipment for munition plants in the United States and since as far as possible existing equipment was adapted for its new purposes, you can appreciate what a tremendous revolution has been effected in the life of the country." He alluded to the remarkable demand for motor trucks for the allied armies, and to the great improvement to be noticed in the character of material turned out at present, since the British inspectors are now upon the job, examining the output. He remarked, however, that while much is heard of the wonderful fortunes being made, there have been many failures in these plants through lack of experience and other causes.

and foresees that there will be more failures in the future. Crossing on the Tuscania he saw the foam disturbance created by a torpedo from a submarine, which missed the liner. He was in London last September in time to see a Zeppelin raid, the pitch dark night being lighted up by the descending bombs. If his eyesight improves, Mr. Townsend has still hopes of doing something in the war again as an aviator, of which he had some experience in Australia.

The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 22, 5 a. m.—An ocean storm area is moving down the Coast, accompanied by colder weather and possibly with some snow. Heavy rains have occurred southward to California and snow is falling on the northern coast. Zero temperatures have again occurred in Cariboo, while in the prairie provinces zero temperatures continue.

Forecasts. For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity—Fresh, to strong northerly and easterly winds, unsettled and colder, with sleet or snow. Lower Mainland—Easterly and northerly winds, unsettled and cold, with sleet or snow.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, maximum yesterday, 23; minimum, 35; wind, calm; rain, 31; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, maximum yesterday, 23; minimum, 34; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, 30; weather, cloudy.

Nanaimo (Entrance, Is.)—Barometer, 29.64; temperature, maximum yesterday, 22; minimum, 35; wind, 14 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, maximum yesterday, 24; minimum, 4; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.72; temperature, maximum yesterday, 14; minimum, 4 below; wind, calm; snow, 34; weather, snowing.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.54; temperature, maximum yesterday, 20; minimum, 20; wind, 6 miles N.; weather, clear.

Tetsoosh—Barometer, 29.62; temperature, maximum yesterday, 12; minimum, 35; wind, 14 miles N. E.; rain, 0.8; weather, clear.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.68; temperature, minimum yesterday, 40; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, 40; weather, clear.

Seattle—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 34; wind, 6 miles S. E.; rain, 34; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.62; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, 0.6; weather, cloudy.

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Victoria Daily Weather.
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Thursday.
Temperature. Highest..... 39
Lowest..... 35
Average..... 36
Minimum on grass..... 31
Rain, 46 inch.
General state of weather, rainy.

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English China Cups and Saucers

In many new shapes and very pretty colored decorations. Just the thing for Christmas gifts. Special, a cup and saucer, 50c, 75c and \$1.00
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These exceedingly dainty pieces will help you solve your last minute gift problems. They will make not only dainty but most serviceable gifts, which cannot fail to be appreciated. Space forbids our giving a full detailed description of each article. We quote a few. Every piece is a better quality garment, beautifully made and finished.

Corset Cover of Fine Nainsook, lace sleeves and yoke, trimmed with fine Swiss embroidery. Special at \$1.25
 Corset Covers of flesh color silk mull, trimmed with fine net and ribbon. Special at \$1.50
 Drawers to match, A garment, special, \$1.25
 Corset Covers of washing satin, trimmed with Cluny lace and ribbons. Special at \$1.50
 Dainty Silk Chemise, trimmed with fine net and satin ribbon. Exceedingly pretty. Price only \$3.75
 Nightgowns of flesh colored mull, daintily trimmed with lace and hand embroidery. Special at \$1.75

Dainty Corset Covers with fine white mull and nainsook, made in various styles, trimmed with fine Val lace and Swiss embroidery. Special at \$1.50
 Corset Covers of fine silk-finished mull; deep yoke and short sleeves of Val lace and Swiss embroidery trimmed with colored ribbons. Special at \$1.75
 Drawers and Nightgowns to match at a garment \$1.75
 Chemise of Fine Colored Silk Mull, very daintily trimmed with lace, \$2.50 and \$3.75

On Sale in Whitewear Section, First Floor, Also in Our Annex, Corner View and Broad Streets

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The 25c Offering Includes

Sweet Grass Bags filled with Pot Pourri, Sewing Sets, Manicure Sets, Powder Puffs, Vanity Cases, Sachet Bags, Needle Books, Indian Papoose and Carrier, Fancy Hairpin Cases and a big variety of other useful novelties. Shop early for best selection.

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Pot Pourri Bags, finished with fancy tops and ribbons; Pin Cushions with dolls' heads; also dozens of different style Pin Cushions of practically all colors. Also dozens of various fancy novelties for the home.

—Art Dept., First Floor

All Toys and Wheel Goods to Be Cleared To-night and To-morrow

We don't intend carrying over any Toys for another season, so to make sure of a complete clearance we make very special offers, which will cause quick selling right up to closing time. Note the following extra bargains. No phone orders taken.

Kindergarten Sets

Four pieces, comprising two small chairs, one arm chair, one table. Regular \$3.25 value for \$2.75

TOYS

Pony Circus, Horse and Cart. Reg. 50c, for 35c
 Pony Circus Racers. Reg. 50c, for 35c
 Circus Pony Racer and Hobby Horse. Reg. 25c for 15c
 Automobiles. Reg. \$1.50, for \$1.00
 Pop Cannons. Reg. \$1.25, for \$1.00
 Cannons with Truck. Reg. \$3.00, for \$2.25
 Wheel and Rocking Horses. Reg. \$1.00 and \$1.25 75c
 Artillery Car and Cannon, mechanical. Reg. 50c 35c
 Soldiers' Suits. Reg. \$1.25 values, for 90c
 Help Mamma Mops. Special at 25c
 English Bulldogs, for the kiddies. Reg. \$1.00, for 75c
 —Toyland, Third Floor

Make Sure of Your Wheel Goods To-night

These Prices Will Clear Them Quickly

Wicker Doll Buggies, with four wheels. Regular \$1.25 value for \$1.00
 Special Range of Doll Buggies, in English and folding styles. Clearing at \$4.25, \$3.90, \$3.50, \$2.00 and \$1.50
 Have You Seen the Folding Doll Buggy we are selling at \$1.00
 It's worth \$1.50.
 Thirty Only, Boys' Metal Body Wheelbarrows, all sizes, including large ones. Regular values to \$1.00 \$1.00
 Folding Wood Doll Beds and Cradles. Regular 75c values for 50c
 Dressed Dolls, 15 inches high. There will be a rush for these. Reg. \$1.25. For 90c

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Balance of stock will be cleared to-day and Saturday at a discount of

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TOYS

Glass Decorations for Trees or Home, Reg. values to 20c. Clearing, each, 5c
 Manual Construction—Unlimited designs can be built with this outfit. Regular 25c for 20c
 Sparkers, limited quantity only. A box 15c
 Sandy Andy and Dumping Sand. Reg. \$1.00, for 85c
 —Toyland, Third Floor

New Choice Designs and Interesting Values in Silk Crepe de Chine Waists

SELLING FROM

\$3.90 to \$11.75

New Waists just opened up, featuring all the very newest effects in puffed skirts and frill fronts. These come in very attractive shades of flesh, maize and white. Some of the prettiest Waists yet shown this season. They will make excellent gifts for Christmas. To secure best choice you will have to shop early, for these Waists are sure to sell out quickly.

There are Waists of silk crepe de chine, Georgette crepes and in combination materials of silk and net. Some are beautifully embroidered, others are handsomely trimmed with gold lace.

Prices are very special: \$3.90, \$5.75, \$6.75, \$7.50 to \$11.75.

—Selling, First Floor

Here's a New Assortment of Dainty Garments for Baby

Only opened up yesterday, and just in time for those who have left their shopping for the last few hours. This assortment is full of dainty garments of all descriptions. There are garments at prices to suit all. We quote a few:

Infants' Long and Short Dresses, of fine muslin and lawn, beautifully embroidered and hemstitched. Each \$1.25 and \$1.75
 Dainty Dresses of Organdie, beautiful quality; very dainty styles, trimmed with hand-embroidered work and colored ribbons. Superior value at \$5.75
 Infants' Long Petticoats, to match dresses, at \$1.25 and \$2.00
 Coats of white bearskin or corduroy velvet, \$2.90 to \$4.75

Infants' Shoes, high and low styles, in plain white and tan, also patent leather with white or colored tops. Special price, 50c to \$1.00
 Infants' Bonnets, of Angora wool, ranging in prices from 75c to \$2.50
 Wool Coatees; various designs, in white and in white with colored trimmings, at 65c to \$1.25 and \$1.00
 Big Variety of Celluloid Toys at All Prices
 —Infants' First Floor

Children's Two-Piece Fur Sets, Special at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75

Attractive sets, always appreciated by little girls. Each set comprises Muff and Necklet to match.

Imitation Ermine, a set, \$1.00 and \$1.50
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Burnt Leather Novelties

Special TO-NIGHT

Legends of Vancouver—With appropriate cover of Indian burnt leather. Special at \$1.50
 Handsome Burnt Leather Cushion Covers—With Indian head burnt on or hand-painted. Special prices, \$2.95 to \$5.50
 Book Covers—In various designs. Special at 60c to \$1.00
 Calendars for 1917—Of Indian burnt leather. Very dainty; will answer purpose of a New Year card. Special prices up to 60c from 10c
 —First Floor

SLIPPERS—Always a Welcome Gift

LADIES' SLIPPERS

Cosy Felt Slippers, in scarlet and brown, with soft padded sole. A pair \$1.00
 Brown and Black Felt Slippers, with felt and leather soles, and trimming of threaded ribbon and pompons. A pair \$1.25
 Quilted Satin Slippers, in brown, pale blue and cerise, trimmed with pompons; also Grey Felt Slippers, fleece-lined. Price, pair, \$1.25
 Black Velvet Pumps, felt lined and with Cuban heels. Pair, \$1.50
 Felt Julietts, fur trimmed, with leather sole and heel. Pair \$1.50
 Quilted Satin Pumps with Cuban heel, in pale blue, pink and brown. A pair \$1.50
 Blue Felt Slippers with white collar and fleece lined, with ribbon. A pair \$1.50
 Lavender Felt Slippers, fleece lined and trimmed with ribbon. A pair \$1.75
 Black Velvet Slipper, astrachan lined, and felt. A pair \$1.75

CHILDREN'S SLIPPERS

Children's Juliet Slippers, with felt and leather soles, with heels. A pair \$1.00
 Children's Leather Felt Boots, a pair \$1.00
 See Our Assortment of Leather Slippers for Men—All Prices
 —Selling First Floor

Serviceable Dressing Gowns of Flannelette

\$1.25 and \$1.75

These are quite inexpensive, but they make most practical gifts for Christmas. These gowns are nicely made in generous sizes, from good weight quality flannelettes in plain shades and in colored designs.

The \$1.25 are finished plain, and the \$1.75 have pipings of satin. You will be wise in giving these your attention.

Eiderdown Flannel Dressing Gowns, \$5.75

Beautiful warm quality, finished with wide collars and silk cord girdles. Each Gown is trimmed with satin ribbon; all colors. A gift any woman would appreciate.

Gifts for Soldiers
 Soldiers' Comfort Body Belts, 8-in. deep, finished with 2 pockets and 3 tapes, made from a nice warm quality flannel. Sizes 34, 36 and 38. Special at \$1.35
 Foxe's Spiral Puttees, non-fray edges. Special, a pair, \$2.50
 —Main Floor

Hose—A Useful Gift

Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose. Special, a pair 35c
 3 pairs for \$1.00
 Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose; full fashioned, plain. Special values, a pair, 50c, 75c, 85c and \$1.00
 Ladies' Ribbed Hose; 1 in 1 and 2 in 1, all with spliced heels and toes and double feet. Sizes 5 to 10. Priced according to size. A pair, 46c to \$1.00
 Ladies' Silk Hose; black, tan and white. All sizes. Special to-day, a pair \$1.00
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Ladies' New Novelty Collars

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 —Toyland, Third Floor

LADIES' GLOVES

Ladies' Fleece-Lined Mocha Gloves—At a pair \$1.50
 Glace Kid Gloves—In tan, brown, grey, navy, beaver, green, black and white. A pair \$1.75
 Misses' Chamois Gloves—In natural and white. A pair, \$1.00 and \$1.25
 Ladies' Cape Skin Fleece-Lined Gloves—A pair \$2.00
 Glace Kid Gloves—In white with black points, and black with white points; one and two-dome; pique-sewn. A pair \$2.00
 Washable Cape Skin Gloves—In putty, white and tan. A pair \$2.00
 Chamois and Doeskin Gloves—In natural and white. A pair, \$1.35 to \$2.00

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Glace Kid Gloves—In tan, brown, grey, navy, beaver, green, black and white. A pair \$1.75
 Misses' Chamois Gloves—In natural and white. A pair, \$1.00 and \$1.25
 Cape Skin Glove—In tans only \$1.50
 One dome, a pair \$2.00
 Two dome, a pair \$2.00
 Children's Cape Skin Gloves—60 to 1, a pair 85c
 2 to 6, a pair \$1.00
 If You Are Uncertain About the Size, Give Her a Spencer Glove Sizer.
 —Main Floor

In white, black, and black and white effects; \$2.00, \$3.75 and \$5.75
 —Main Floor

Feather Ruffles

Christmas Candy Specials

Maple and Chocolate Fudge—Regular 40c 20c
 Peppermint Bull's Eyes—Regular 40c 20c
 Turkish Delight—Regular 40c 20c
 Chocolate Peanut Chip—Regular 40c 20c
 Lady Caramels—Regular 40c 25c
 Maple Croquettes—Regular 40c 25c
 XMAS NOVELTIES
 Hard Mixed 20c
 Favorite Mixed 35c
 NOVELTIES
 5c, 10c, 15c, two for 25c
 Candy Canes—Each, 5c, 10c, 15c and 20c
 Crackers—25c, 35c, 40c, 75c and \$1.00
 Stockings—Each, 5c, 25c and 50c
 See Our Assortment of Fancy Boxes of Chocolates—Up from 25c
 CAKE DECORATIONS
 Silver Balls—A dozen 15c
 Cherries—A pound 75c

Hundreds of Useful Gifts Suitable for Men Will Be Found in Our Men's Furnishing Department

Negligee Shirts, in fine quality prints and cambric, fancy and striped designs. Each shirt finished with 3-in. starched cuffs. Special at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.75
 Outing Shirts, finished with soft double cuffs and soft French collar to match. Large variety of designs to choose from; all sizes; \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.75

MEN'S GLOVES—See our fine assortment of different makes and styles; all prices.

Fancy Arm Bands, in individual boxes. A pair, 25c, 35c, 50c, 60c and 75c
 Combination Sets—Arm bands, braces and garters. A set, \$1.25 and \$1.75
 2-Piece Combination Set—Braces and garters. A set \$1.00
 Knitted Tie, Scarf Pin and Clip, a set \$1.25
 Garters, in separate boxes. A pair, 25c and 50c
 Braces, in fancy Christmas boxes. Each, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25
 British Wool Mittens, all colors, \$1.00 and \$1.25

Collar Boxes of kid and suede. Each, \$1.00 and \$2.00
 Cuff Buttons, for soft or starched shirt cuffs. A pair, 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00
 High Linen Handkerchiefs, with initial. Each, 25c, 35c and 50c

Fancy Silk Ties, wide-end style, in individual Christmas boxes. A wide variety to choose from. Each, 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

MEN'S SOCKS

Black Cashmere Socks, good heavy weight wool mixture. A pair 35c
 3 pairs for \$1.00
 Best Grade All-Wool Llama Cashmere Socks, English make, full fashioned foot; sizes 9-12 to 11-12. A pair 65c
 Knitted Scotch Heather Mixture Socks, medium weight. A pair 45c
 Heavy Rib Heather Mixture Socks, all sizes. A pair 50c
 —Main Floor

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SPORTING NEWS

GOLFERS WILL PLAY

ON DECEMBER 30

Proceeds of Match Are to Be Devoted to Red Cross; New Year's Event

The attention of members of the Victoria Golf Association is called to the fact that on Saturday, December 30, an 18-hole match will be played at the links, Oak Bay. The entrance fee will be \$1, and it will be necessary for at least 20 entries to be made if it is to be played. The prize for the winner is a dozen balls presented by Mr. Heathcote, of San Francisco. The special feature of the day is that the fees will be given to the Red Cross Society. It is the desire of those who are promoting the day's play that every member who possibly can will enter in order that the sum realized may be as large as possible.

On the following Monday, New Year's Day, a mixed foursome competition, eclectic handicap, will be played; post entries. The players are to select their partners and opponents.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTER-CITY SOCCER

It has been announced that the terms offered by Victoria for an inter-city soccer match with Vancouver have been accepted. The game will be played in Vancouver on the afternoon of New Year's day, starting at 2:30 o'clock. The mainland officials say that although many of their star players are away they are confident that a very strong team will meet the Victoria boys when they go to that city.

There was to have been a match in Vancouver between Marjod vs. Single Men, but this has been called off in order to make the more important game possible.

LOCAL FOOTBALLERS

WIN SIX CONTESTS

Only Two Victories for Mainland Soccer Teams in Four Years

In view of the approaching inter-city football match between mainland and island teams the official records of the games played since the inception of inter-city competition will be of interest to local football fans.

Vancouver won last season, Victoria won the championship last year for the first time and scored their only two victories since 1912-13. Victoria has won six games against two for the Mainlanders while four have been drawn. Here are the records:

1912-13—Vancouver 3 at Victoria 3; Victoria 2 at Vancouver 1.
1913-14—Vancouver 2 at Victoria 5; Victoria 2 at Vancouver 2.
1914-15—Vancouver 1 at Victoria 2; Victoria 3 at Vancouver 2; Vancouver 0 at Victoria 3; Victoria 1 at Vancouver 1.
1915-16—Victoria 1 at Vancouver 2; Vancouver 2 at Victoria 3; Victoria 3 at Vancouver 2; Victoria 2 at Vancouver 5.

Total goals scored—Victoria 20, Vancouver 24.

BOOKS ENGAGEMENTS.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Ad Wolgast announced yesterday he had booked four fights for next month, beginning with a 15-round match in Kansas City, Mo., on New Year's Day with Otto Wallace. January 8 Wolgast will box in Windsor, Canada, although his opponent for this match has not been decided on. On January 11 he is booked to meet Patsy Cline in New York, and January 15 he is engaged to meet Knockout Gilly in Baltimore.

DARCY NO LONGER AUSTRALIAN FAVORITE

His Surreptitious Departure From Country Causes Change of Sentiment

The latest mail from Australia contains accounts of Les Darcy's departure for America, and removes the last shadow of a doubt that he actually has sailed. Snowy Baker, the promoter, mournfully chronicles the sad news as follows:

"Australian boxing circles have been set agog with excitement; in fact, it is doubtful whether any previous period of excitement ever created such a furor in sporting circles as did this recent occurrence—the disappearance of Les Darcy, the world's champion. For the past two years this great boxer's name has been a household word, and Les Darcy has been the flapper's ideal and the schoolboy's hero. But, alas, the scales have fallen from their eyes, and instead of being looked up to in the future, will be looked down upon."

"From the moment of his disappearance, persistent rumors were rife that Darcy had managed to ship away on a tramp steamer to America, but the Australian press was reticent about saying this, fearing a libel action, and consequently only veiled reference was made as to his probable whereabouts. Now, however, it can be fairly safely said that Les Darcy has evaded the military authorities, set aside his kinship with the gallant men of Gallipoli, scorned his obligations to his king, his flag and his country, and answered the call of his god, the god of Mammon in America."

"There were many who applauded his shrewd getaway, many who said, 'All the more power to him for beating the officials,' but the majority said in their inner hearts, 'You're a shirker, Les Darcy, and we thought you were a real man.'"

"The Australian people love a sport and they loved Les Darcy, loved him for his fine boxing, for his sunny personality, his ever smiling face, but they are deeply disappointed in his action in clearing out. Neutral supporters may say, 'Well, Australia turned down conscription and Darcy is not needed to fight.' Darcy was needed. One Darcy in a battalion and that battalion would march to the battlements of hell. If need be, to distinguish itself as 'Darcy's battalion,' and the world's middleweight champion will never find an excuse good enough either to satisfy the Australian press, public opinion or his own conscience if he has one."

Kept Friends in Dark.
"There was the touch of a master mind, the planning of a cute, shrewd brain at his back of his 'elopement' and he had his friends so well primed and so well mystified that even his own trainer, MICK HAWKINS, the man who piloted him through all his early stormy waters and whom he left behind, without a word, did not know what he had done or where he was going."

"It is peculiar, but nevertheless true, that an American tramp steamer, the Hattie Luckcombe left Newcastle for either Iquique, Valparaiso or some other Chilean port. This ship is a nine knot vessel, with a British skipper, Capt. McDonald. If Darcy left by her his chances of getting to the United States by Christmas are remote indeed, and probably by the time he reaches there his condition will be such as to forbid him ever reaching the middleweight limit again."

"Rumor has it that Darcy is going to send for his mother and fiancée on arrival in America, while yet another story is that the military authorities have set the wheels in operation to fetch him back and make an example of him. He got away evidently with the intention of putting himself out of harm's way during the present war crisis, and although he has practically forfeited all claim to being called an Australian in the future in the true sense of the word, every Australian will continue to watch his career, wherever he may be, and when he fights they will almost to a man put their money on Darcy."

RETURN MATCH IS TO BE POSTPONED

In view of the fact that many of the men of the Bantam Battalion will be away on Christmas holiday leave this week-end there will be no regular rugby match between the soldier team and the V. I. A. A. as previously announced. In place of the scheduled game a practice match will take place at the Heywood avenue grounds between picked teams from the combined clubs. The kick-off takes place at 2:30 o'clock.

Considerable disappointment has been felt in local sporting circles as a result of the falling through of the projected visit of the Michigan rugby team, W. H. Davies, of the V. I. A. A., has written to Graduate Manager Brehens, of Stanford, asking him if arrangements could be made for a team from this city to go south to play the American University. If this offer is accepted he is confident that a strong team can be gathered together from amongst the local players.

SISLER, ANOTHER COBB.

"If George Sisler had the aggressive-ness and confidence of Ty Cobb he would be equally great," is the way Hughie Jennings sizes up the sensation of the 1916 season in the American League. Sisler in some respects is more remarkable than Cobb, because he can pitch, play the infield and outfield, and do all of these stunts up to the major league standard. Sisler alone fails to recognize Sisler's greatness.

SOCCER GAMES FOR TO-MORROW AFTERNOON

Three Senior and Two Intermediate Matches Will Be Staged on Local Fields

The following games were scheduled to be played to-morrow in the Senior League, the Victoria Wests play the Garrison at Work Point, referee B. H. Robinson; the Bantams play the Willows Camp at Beacon Hill, referee P. C. Payne; the V.I.A.A. play the Navy at Central Park, referee Lockley. In the Intermediate League the Centrals play the James Bays at Albion grounds, Beacon Hill, referee Sergt. Telfer; the Retailers play the Congos at Beacon Hill, upper grounds, referee T. R. Pipe. All games will start at 2:45 p.m.

The following line-ups have been announced:

Navy—Cronin; Smith, Rutter; Wylie, Davis. Another: Jasper, Johnson, Morrison, O'Leary.

Bantams—Lieut. Meredith; Williams, Menzies; Blakeborough, Hornsby; Johnson; Parnell, Gascoigne, Youson, Cornwall, Burns.

Willows Camp—Marshall; Roberts, Hart; Young, Blach, Sharkey; Townsend, McPherson, Brown, Rae, Eriksson. Reserves: Oldham, Morrison, O'Leary.

The Wests team will be picked from the following: Beane, McLeod, White, Tunnicliffe, Allen, Petticrew, Thack; Gray, Sheritt, Peden, Shakespear, Petticrew, Muir, Thomas, Carmichael.

V.I.A.A.—Le Feva; Taylor, Brown; Castle, Woodburn, Davies; Elliott, Hay, McGregor, Speak, McArthur, Reserve: Maxey.

Garrison—Bromley; Gale, Lynn; Forrest, Vincent, Martin; Wells, Davis, Ellmore, Frankish, Buxton.

Congos—Reed; Christian and Sanford; Blundell, Clapp and W. Walton; Francis, H. Moulton, Gibson, McDonald and E. Cull. Reserves: Hole, Webster and B. Walton.

PORTLAND WILL MEET VANCOUVER TO-MORROW

Old Rivals Will Battle at Terminal City Arena; First Appearance of Rosebuds

Judging from advance bookings, the game between the Portland Rosebuds and the Vancouver Millionaires at the Vancouver Arena to-morrow evening will draw the largest crowd yet to attend a game this season. Secretary Small has been busy for the last week filling orders for seats, and he reports a heavy demand.

The Portland team is certainly a great drawing card in Vancouver, as the fans can always rely on a fast and furious game when the Uncle Sams and Millionaires clash. To-morrow night will be no exception. After a slow start, Ed. Savage has got his squad in condition, and they are now after first place with a vengeance.

Several New Faces.

Included in the Portland line-up will be several new faces, while several veterans of the game will also be along with the team. Vancouver hockey fans are anxious to get a glimpse of Dick Irvin, Stan Marple and Clem Loughlin, the three former Winnipeg Monarchs players. The boys have been touted as the class of the league, but Vancouver enthusiasts wish to give them the "once-over" and judge for themselves.

"Moose" Johnson, Charlie Tobin, Tommy Dunderdale, and "Smoky" Harris, four old-timers, are all well known to fans and need no introduction. Reports from Portland say that Johnson has trained hard and is very thin, so a surprise is in store for the crowd on Saturday night when they see him. Harris on the wing has still got his speed left, while Tommy Dunderdale has been the shining star in every game. Portland has yet played, of course, the Rosebuds couldn't do without Captain Tobin.

President Frank Patrick will line up with the Millionaires on Saturday night. "Si" Griffiths is gradually getting over the effects of a charley horse, and figures he will be in good condition at game time. The squad has been working out daily at the rink for the last couple of days, and with over a week's rest should be in the pink of condition and able to put up a fine game.

The Vancouver team is anxious to capture this game from Portland. The loss of Fred Taylor has handicapped the team in a way, but with Moyne's playing a remarkable game for his first season in the professional ranks, the members of the squad have still got their eyes glued on the 1917-18 championship of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association.

The game will start prompt at 8:30 o'clock, with Fred Ion in charge. There is no doubt that Mickey will have his hands full watching both teams.

MONTREAL PLAYER IS IN ENGLISH LEAGUE

The most recent issue of The Athletic News of London, Eng., contains the following:

Many judges of soccer have been surprised at the clever exhibitions given at centre forward for Liverpool by the young stranger in T. Bennett. Pagman's successor came over from Montreal (where he played for Royal Rangers) hoping to sign on for Liverpool, but negotiations failed. He played in a couple of reserve games for Everton, but was not retained, and latterly he has been playing for South Liverpool.

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Original Excuse for Failure of Stars to Hit After Club Was Disorganized

Comes now another novel explanation for the failure of "Stuffy" McInnis and Wally Schang to hit in the past year for anything like the marks established in previous seasons when Connie Mack's "Hundred Thousand Dollar Infield" was something more than a pleasant memory.

In 1913 McInnis hit for .326, and in the next two seasons he averaged .314. Last season he failed to finish within the select society of the three hitfield hitters.

Schang was never a hitter of the slashing type like McInnis, but he was nevertheless a dependable batter. Last year his failure to hit up to his former standard helped to drive the Athletics further into the cellar.

Many Reasons Offered.
Various reasons have been given for the batting slump of McInnis. One scribe attributed his falling off in willow-wielding to dissatisfaction with the treatment he had received at the hands of Connie Mack.

signal-tippers, "Chief" Bender, Jack Barry, Eddie Collins and Harry Davis. Hardly a batter went up to the plate to expect.

McInnis, a straightaway hitter, was enabled to pick out any sort of offerings that he might fancy, and as a result was able to hit for an average well over .300.

With all four of the signal-grabbers gone, McInnis was thrown upon his own resources. He was obliged to take his chances with the other batsmen in the American League of outguessing the pitchers. As a result his style of hitting underwent a complete change, and the McInnis who is now drawing pay from the Athletics is hitting at a McInnis clip, and not at an artificial bait made possible by the almost uncanny calling of the "turn" by Bender, Barry, Collins and Davis.

What is true of McInnis is also true of Schang. Amos Strunk, of all the old Athletic machine, is still able to crack the pill without the aid of outside help.

This is the explanation advanced by one "expert." Far-fetched though it may be, it carries as much weight as the accusation that McInnis did not care whether school kept or not, after his three companions were sent to teams with pennant prospects, while he was forced to languish in the cellar with Connie Mack's misfits.

PHYSICAL DIRECTOR LEAVES CITY TO-DAY

All those in touch with the athletic department of the local Y. M. C. A. will be sorry to learn that Physical Director Hodges is to-day leaving to take up his residence in Tacoma. During the months that he has held office in this city he has become a very popular figure among the boys of the community, and his departure will be deeply regretted by the many members of the institution. Last evening he was presented with a purse by the gymnasium classes.

AUSTRALIAN HAS SHIPPED AS STOKER

New York, Dec. 22.—Les Darcy, the Australian boxer prominently mentioned as a possible opponent of Georges Carpentier, the French champion, is believed to be working his way from Chile as a stoker on the oil tanker Cushing, of the Standard Oil Company, due here to-day or to-morrow. According to a Standard Oil official, the company received a description of a fireman shipped at Chile, which corresponds with the description of Darcy. He shipped under an assumed name, but according to a dispatch sent to the company, the fireman is none other than Darcy, the official said.

ALBERT BADDOUD WINS.

New York, Dec. 22.—Albert Baddoud European welterweight champion, outfought Marty Cross, of this city, on Thursday in six round of a 10-round bout. Baddoud scored all his points by body blows, inflicting severe punishment. In the fifth round Baddoud's left eye was badly cut, and he fought more viciously than before. Cross tried several times to land his right swing, but failed. In a recent match Cross scored a technical knock-out when the referee stopped the fighting to save Baddoud further punishment.

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COUNCILOR BORDEN WILL BE IN FIELD

Saanich Municipal Contest is
Taking Shape; Two Coun-
cil Vacancies

Following the statement yesterday in the Times with regard to the re-election of Saanich, Councilor Borden authorizes the definite intimation that he will be a candidate provided the majority of the resident electors show a desire for him to occupy the office in the coming year. As indicated yesterday, there is little doubt that that proviso will be met.

During the past year Councilor Borden has been chairman of works committee, and in the previous four years was chairman of the finance committee. He has been a member of the council for seven years.

With regard to his general policy, the candidate states that he is in favor of a general continuation of the progressive policy of the past three years in the development of the municipality, but the time has come, he states, for retrenchment, and that will have to be in the approaching year. He favors, however, completion of existing undertakings.

He says the council in the new year is pledged to reconsider the situation with regard to the waterworks frontage tax, and while he is not prepared at this stage to commit himself to the policy of the Diagon relief scheme, he says some relief will certainly be given, and he expects to discuss the question more fully on the platform.

The sewerage question, particularly the proposed drainage area into the Northwest sewer, will be an issue in the coming year, and Mr. Borden indicates a desire to see the necessary data, part of which has been collected, completed and ready for the time when a by-law can be submitted.

Here For Many Years.

Mr. Borden has been for many years one of the foremost figures in the life of the Saanich peninsula, having been identified with dairying and fruit-growing for many years. A native of King's county, Nova Scotia, where the family is very well known, he came to this district in 1889. After being engaged in various undertakings he acquired land in the Lake Hill district 22 years ago, his holding being part of the original North Dairy farm. The district was strictly country then, there being scarcely a house on what is now

Quadra street north of the old jail. The new water main from Elk Lake had led the owners of land to give right of way, for what is now the roadway, and he was thus a pioneer in the section where he has since made his home.

At the Ward I. meeting this evening, as a vacancy is created in the representation of the ward by the above announcement, the name of C. B. Jones will be submitted to the electors present for endorsement. Mr. Jones has already been a member of the council, for another ward, some years ago. He resides at Mount Tolmie, and is thus within the bounds of Ward I.

It is understood there will be a vacancy in Ward V., as Councilor Grant intends to retire. Two or three names have been mentioned, but so far without anything definite being ascertained. Elections by acclamation are expected in the other wards.

One of the school trustees retiring this year is expected to drop out, but whether there will be a contested election is uncertain. However, there is a good deal of feeling in Ward VII. about the Tillicum school site, which may lead to some representative of that section forcing the question to an issue at the polls.

GIRLS' CENTRAL CLOSSES

Beautiful Carols Sung by Children
Delight Visitors Present.

The pupils of the Girls' Central school gave their Christmas carol programme yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the occasion bringing together a few score of the mothers and friends of the children and several members of the school board and others who take a keen interest in the welfare of the schools. The programme was made up of brief addresses by some of those present and the Christmas carols for which the children had been rehearsing for weeks past.

Miss Williams, the principal, directed the proceedings generally. Mr. E. J. Pollard conducting the carols. These were as follows: "Ring Out the Bells for Christmas," "Love Came Down at Christmas," "Hark! the Merry Christmas Bells," "Fling Out Your Windows Wide," "Once in Bethlehem of Judea," "Sing, Sing for Christmas," "Chime, Chime Merry Bells," "Ring Out Christmas Bells," and "O Little Town of Bethlehem." In "Fling Out Your Windows Wide," the solo part was sung by Miss Vera Rider, and particularly pretty was the two-part carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem." The fresh young voices made the old songs of Christmas beautiful again, and each number was applauded heartily by the audience which, unfortunately, was necessarily limited to a small number owing to the lack of accommodation.

On the platform with Miss Williams were Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. and Miss Thomson, Mrs. Hyndman, Mrs. Haskett, Mrs. Geo. Jay, Mrs. Hamilton, Alderman Bell M. P. P., Rev. Joseph McCoy, Rev. William Stevenson, Rev. H. C. Archibald, and E. B. Pollard. Mr. Archibald represented the Bishop of Columbia, who was unable to be present, and addressed the children on the happiness which they could bring into the Christmas tide by showing a spirit of love and helpfulness to all. Rev. William Stevenson's little talk on "The Secret of Happiness" was enthusiastically applauded by the children, his reference to the well-known picture, "Sanctuary's Dream," in which through a doorway leading into kitchen might be seen angels busied in the lowly household tasks, pointing the moral of how each little person present might be "An Angel in the Kitchen." The secret of happiness was to try and make other people happy. Mrs. Jenkins also spoke, thanking the girls for their pretty carols, and wishing them all a very happy Christmas. Alderman Bell hoped they would all remember at this Christmas tide to be helpful to others. He also paid a tribute to Mr. Pollard, whom he knew they would all remember even when they were too old to sing carols any longer. Mr. Pollard, very heartily applauded at this point, modestly explained that he had just come in at the last moment and given the finishing touches, the ground-work having been done previously by the teachers.

The school dismissed to the marching tune of "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

Editor: Your story lacks originality. You employ the old, hackneyed expressions. Take this line, for example: "With a low cry she sank to the floor." Author: Well, then, we'll have her sink to the ceiling.

MANY NEW COMPANIES ARE INCORPORATED

Aetna Iron and Steel Com-
pany Gets Charter; Ship-
Esquimalt Company

In today's B. C. Gazette appears the notice of the issue of a certificate of incorporation to Aetna Iron & Steel Company, Ltd., the formation of which was announced in these columns last week.

The head office of the company is in Victoria, and the authorized capital is \$250,000. The capital is divided into 2,500 shares.

Among the objects for which the company is incorporated are the carrying on of the businesses of iron masters, steel makers, colliery proprietors, miners, smelters, coke manufacturers, engineers, tin-plate makers, iron founders, manufacture of patent fuel, chemicals, manures, dye stuffs, to own and operate drydocks and private marine railways, shipbuilding plants and analogous purposes.

The Ship Esquimalt Company, Ltd., is a Vancouver incorporation, with a capital of \$200,000, to enter into an agreement with the Cameron-Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd., for the construction by the latter and the purchase from the latter of the ship Esquimalt, now on the stocks. The company also gets power to do business as timber merchants, sawmill and pulp mill proprietors, as a general mercantile, trading and commission concern, to operate hotels and boarding houses and other purposes.

Other incorporations of the week are: B. C. Brush Works, Ltd., Vancouver, capital \$15,000, to acquire the B. C. Brush Works, British Canadian Motion Picture Corporation, Ltd., Vancouver, \$100,000; Cedars, Ltd., Vancouver, timber dealers, \$20,000; Clark Lumber Company, Ltd., Vancouver, \$25,000; Husband & Johnston, Ltd., Vernon, \$10,000, to consolidate their interests in steamers and scows on Lake Okanagan; National Manufacturing Company, Ltd., Vancouver, \$10,000, to deal in manufacturing properties and goods.

Registration as extra-provincial companies has been granted to Gordon River Timber Company, a Portland, Maine, corporation, the H. C. attorney for which is H. G. Laxson, Victoria, and to the Pacific Net & Twine Company, of Seattle, the attorneys for which are W. C. Brown and J. N. Ellis, Vancouver. The issue of licenses to five extra-provincial companies six years ago is gazetted, this being due to the neglect of a former registrar of companies to complete the papers.

Millers National Insurance Company has been licensed to do a fire insurance business in the province. C. G. Hobson, Vancouver, is its attorney. Union Pacific Life Insurance Company has ceased to do business in this province.

Cowichan Waterworks, Ltd., and Steamer H. C. Henry, Ltd., are two corporations which are winding-up voluntarily. A. F. Davis, Victoria, is the liquidator of the water company, and W. S. Lane, Vancouver, of the steamer company. West Coast Bridge & Dredging Company, Ltd., has also decided to wind-up, and George E. Hardenbergh, Vancouver, has been appointed liquidator.

AWAITS ACTION OF NEUTRAL POWERS

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Peace is more essential to them than to any but the actual belligerents. In addition they have none of the bitterness of war and none of its ambitions and are anxious more for the coming of peace than for the accomplishment of any other purpose. Nevertheless, their geographical position between the two contending forces has been so dangerous that up to now they have been able to do no more than maintain their neutrality, without mixing in the struggle even to suggest peace. Part of this danger is, however, thought removed by the American action.

President's Object.

Gradual clarification among the entente diplomats here of the president's purpose and indications that they would advise their governments to reply in a friendly spirit proved a source of deep gratification to-day, as it was pointed out both in the note itself and in Secretary Lansing's explanation that one of the dangers was that the allies would consider the step as a pro-German move. Every effort was made to remove this impression and to have the note considered entirely apart from any other event. The entente diplomats, at first very fearful, have now accepted this view.

Charge: Crew reported to the state department to-day that the president's peace note had been received in Berlin. Early London press comment that the note was painful because it said the objects of the belligerents were practically the same, was not unexpected here, where attention already has been drawn to the fact that President Wilson specifically declared that the published views of our statesmen left that impression.

It is stated officially that the president would not presume to say that the two groups were fighting for the same object, but merely that their official spokesmen had outlined much the same general programme without going into the actual details which he now seeks.

Several hundred telegrams congratulating President Wilson on his note to the belligerents arrived to-day at the White House. "Practically all of them construed the note as a move for peace." They came from individuals and organizations. The White House telegraphers were kept busy for hours receiving the messages.

CURRIE SHOULD COMMAND ARMY CORPS

Lieut-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes
Pays High Tribute to Vic-
torian; Conditions in France

Another high tribute to the work of Major General A. W. Currie, C.B., commander of the First Canadian Division, is paid by Hon. Lieut-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, former minister of militia, in an interview given to a Toronto newspaper recently.

After referring to the recruiting campaign, which he thought was not getting the results it should, and refusing to comment on the government's National Service Commission, on which policy he promised an expression of opinion later, he was asked:

"What do you think of Sir George Perley's selection of Major General Turner, V.C., as commander of the troops in England?"

"Turner should be at the front. He should be in command of a corps. He is one of the greatest soldiers in the Canadian army, and that's where he should be—on the firing line directing the Canadians," stated Sir Sam.

"Yes, Turner should be in command of an army corps and Currie in command of another," remarked Sir Sam.

"There are only four divisions on the firing line now," stated the reporter.

"I know that."

"Do you think that there are enough men left in Canada to support and supply men to keep up four divisions?"

"Certainly," replied Sir Sam. "There are enough men in England and France to-day to keep up six divisions—that is, 120,000 men—or two army corps. Turner should have one corps and Currie the other."

A Lost Canadian Army.

"There is a lost Canadian army somewhere overseas then," continued the reporter.

"It looks that way," said the general. "My own idea is to have six divisions in France holding the same length of line as the four divisions are to-day. Then if there were six divisions our soldier boys could get a rest. Each of two divisions at a time would be resting behind the line. As it is now there is not much chance of them getting a good rest. Around the Ypres sector those Canadians" (and Sir Sam put all his power of speech into his remarks) "fought for nine months steadily without a chance to rest. The boys have got to be rested in this kind of fighting. We can support six divisions at the slow rate the war is going."

Sir Sam spoke freely of the diffi-

culty about starting and getting manufacturers to take steel contracts. He mentioned the late Lord Kitchener's name frequently and spoke of how Kitchener had asked him to investigate certain developments of raw materials in Canada for the imperial government for the composition of materials in making munitions.

"I am a miner now," said Sir Sam with a smile as he discussed the great development of the raw materials which are now being refined in Canada instead of in the United States.

"Are you interested in mines in the north country?"

"Yes; I have always been. Cobalt and Porcupine districts are wonderful mining countries."

"What do you think about the British government shuffle?"

"Lloyd George is a genius. He is a wonderful man with a great driving power and it is a popular change. Something good is bound to come out of it."

MINISTERS RECEIVE DECIDED MAJORITY

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part acquired largely from the ranks of the adherents of the Bowser machine. Mr. Smith's vote was 7,226.

The results were bulletined by the Times as they were received, and the interest taken locally in the contest was shown by the great numbers who came down town in the evening to see these.

There was no doubt as to the re-election of the two ministers, and about the only point which was exciting people was as to whether McTaggart would lose his deposit. That he did not is due to the supporters of the old Bowser machine, who appear to have rallied to his support in a continuation of the assaults upon Hon. Mr. Macdonald's honor which have been a feature of the last ten months from that source.

It is clear that McTaggart's supporters must have voted for Hon. Mr. Smith also, judging from the large vote he piled up. In doing this, of course, the hope was that no doubt would be left of Mr. Smith's being the minister of the two elected, and that McTaggart would run second to him. These calculations were upset by the manner in which the friends of both ministers turned out and voted for the two, and to the splendid support which they got from the best elements of the Conservative electorate of the city.

In the general election Mr. Macdonald headed the poll with 7,224 votes, and Mr. Smith was second with 6,717. The minister of finance had thus polled a bigger vote at a by-election than the leader of the ticket received at the general election, and the latter got some 1,700 less yesterday than he did on September 14. This will give some sort of idea of the dead set that was made upon the attorney-general by malignant influences in the life of the community.

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TRAMWAY COMPANY INJUNCTION REFUSED

Unable to Stop Assessment for Improvements on Pandora Avenue.

The writ of prohibition brought by the B. C. Electric Railway Company to prevent their being assessed for the improvements on Pandora avenue in the neighborhood of Sudacona park was this morning dismissed with costs by Mr. Justice Clement. His reasons will be given later when counsel are present, but his lordship stated that he did not wish to hold up the work any longer and for that reason gave the decision this morning.

The injunction was brought on behalf of the Street Railway Company by Harold Robertson instructed by A. D. King. It was opposed by F. A. McDiarmid, instructed by the city solicitor. The property, the assessment on which was objected to, is situated on Pandora avenue near Douglas street, and is nearly a mile away from the improvements. It is the property on which the company's tracks run back of the station.

The court of revision may now confirm the assessment.

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

Successful Candidates in Drawing, Entrance Work, Etc., Given Certificates.

Mrs. Suttie's pupils from St. George's school gave a programme and exhibition of school work at Christ Church schoolroom on Tuesday evening. The work of Mrs. Tobin's kindergarten pupils who gave some dialogues, songs and dances reflected well on the teacher. Certificates were presented by Archdeacon Sweet to the successful candidates in the midsummer examinations of the Royal Drawing Society, and also to those who had competed in the high school entrance examination and the university matriculation successfully. Honor stripes were given eighteen girls who had obtained more than 80 per cent. in their term's work. The form prizes were announced as follows:

Form VI, 1st, D. Bowes; form V, Kathleen Muir; Division II, term, J. Chatham; examination, G. Dunne; form IV, H. Laundry; form III, term, M. Campbell; examination, Janet Laidlaw; form II, D. Officer; form I, term, N. Pendray; examination, D. Downes.

Scripture study—Senior school, 1st,

D. Bowes and A. Suttie; 2nd, Helen Laundry; 3rd, Laura Macklin; 4th, K. Muir. Junior school—1st, Kathleen Clay; 2nd, D. Officer; 3rd, M. Lloyd Young; 4th, Mary Campbell; 5th, F. Schofield.

The prizes for piano playing went to K. Whitmore, N. Dundas and H. Anderson.

INDUCING TO DESERT

George Drieszcus Being Tried Before Judge Lampman in County Court.

George Drieszcus, a naturalized German farmer from Leduc, Alberta, was on trial this morning before Judge Lampman on the charge of having induced soldiers of His Majesty's forces to desert. A number of witnesses told of accused having been around the various saloons of the city trying to get soldiers to go to San Francisco. One soldier told of accused having purchased for him a new suit of clothes and of dropping part of the uniform into the harbor from the E. & N. bridge. Arrangements were made for him to go across to the American side.

Witnesses for the prosecution were Pte. Searies, of the 143rd Pte. Crouse and Pte. White, returned soldiers; and Capt. Tweedle of the intelligence department, as well as Mr. Pilling, of R. P. Richter & Co.

For the defence W. C. Moresby said that one of the sons of the accused was with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. Defendant had acted in a foolish way, and was entrapped into doing something which he should not have done.

A letter was read from a citizen of Leduc stating that he knew the accused well, and he did not think the charges could be true as he had always found him an honest and upright man. If he did the things which were stated he must have been drinking at the time.

E. E. Eckert, of Edmonton, Alta., also told of having known accused for over six years. Witness was born in Russia, and his mother was German. In the part of Russia where he lived the population was partly Russian and partly German. He knew that accused had a son in the 14th Battalion, Drieszcus, was on his way to Los Angeles for his health.

The case is being continued this afternoon.

Masons' Gift to Orphans.—The treasurer of the Protestant Orphans' Home acknowledges with thanks a gift of \$100 from the Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, A. F. & A. M., sent as a Christmas present to the institution.

Were Misplaced.—R. A. Playfair is connected with the Beag Motor Co. and H. A. Davis is of the McLaughlin Agency instead of the Western Motor Co. as stated in the report of the Rotary Club meeting yesterday.

ELKS' ENTERTAINMENT MOST ENJOYABLE

Paper on Railways, by R. E. Gosnell, Was Feature of Programme

The Elks Club held a very successful social and entertainment last evening at their rooms in the top of the Campbell Building, about two hundred members and visitors being present. Songs and dancing formed the features of the minstrel entertainment which occupied part of the evening, and a very interesting paper on "Railways in British Columbia" was read by R. E. Gosnell.

The history of the C. P. R., one of the industrial and engineering romances of Canada, formed an interesting chapter in this fascinating story, and incidentally a very clever narrative of the effect of this gigantic undertaking on British Columbia was given. British Columbia was not then seen in the light of a great national asset, and in order to get the privilege of the railway the province had to give up something in the neighborhood of sixteen million acres of land for an engineering scheme which was for the benefit of the nation. The immense cost of transportation and of the building of the road itself through the rugged mountain passes of the Rockies formed interesting figures given in the paper. The length of the railways in B. C. was given at 4,300 miles, this representing a capital investment of approximately \$325,000,000. Despite this, however, there was a great area of the province still untapped by railway communication of any kind.

The efforts of the Smith government to bring about the Settlement Act of 1884 were mentioned. They had agreed to give a large tract of land to the Kootenay & Columbia Railway Company, actually granting 6,000 acres to the Canadian Pacific to get them to extend their line from Port Moody to Vancouver. The act of 1889, whereby a big grant of land should be given to the British Pacific nearly brought about a political crisis. The Dunsmuir government met ultimate defeat over a question of railway policy, and it was railways that gave the McBride government success in two successive elections. Administrations had been made or wrecked by their railway policy, as history had shown, the speaker stated.

A minstrel show took place during the evening, and among those who took part were F. C. Dillabough, interlocutor, and Messrs. Fitzsimmons, F. S. Jeffries, H. Skuce, R. L. Shaw, A. Johns, Frank Schl, G. H. Swain, H. S. Radcliffe, Alex. Peden, W. Ferris, D. Mc-

Intyre, G. Ozard, W. E. Trife, and F. Holman.

Mr. Joshua Kingham acted as chairman of the entertainment committee, which was responsible for the very good programme. Dancing and refreshments concluded the enjoyable proceedings.

MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES

J. W. Jones Enters Field in Ward I, Esquimalt; T. H. Slater Will Run on Conditions.

J. W. Jones yesterday stated that he would enter the field as a candidate for the Esquimalt municipal council in the coming election. J. F. Mesher, who has been in the council since 1903, will be the other candidate in Ward I, and unless a third party comes into the field in that district there will be no contest. It is more than likely that the same situation will develop in Ward III, where Councillors Anderson and Cave are as yet unopposed by any third candidate.

Attention is centred at present in Ward 2. T. H. Slater has announced that he will only offer himself for election provided all the councillors agree to donate their salaries to the Red

Cross fund. He is of the opinion that at a time such as this all public municipal works should be done as economically as possible, and that if salaries are received at all they should be devoted entirely to patriotic purposes, where funds are greatly needed. So far, however, the councillors have not as a whole made any statement as to whether or not they are willing to agree to this proposal.

Councillor Brindle will again run, but P. D. Johnston, whose name has been mentioned as a possible candidate, said this morning that he could not give any definite answer on the matter until after the Christmas season.

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SUNDAY, DEC. 24 AT 3 P. M.

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 2. The great scope of his work.
 3. An answer to the criticisms of Pastor Russell, supported by facts.
 4. The teachings of Pastor Russell regarding the outcome of the present world conditions and the Divine Plan of the Ages as revealed in the Bible.
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Estate of Charles Henry Norris, Late of Sooke District, B. C., Deceased.
All persons having any claims against the estate of the late Charles Henry Norris, who died on or about the 15th day of July, 1916, and whose will has been proved in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Victoria Registry, by the Executrix therein named, are required to send particulars of their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of February, 1917, after which date the executrix will distribute the assets, having regard only to the claims of which she then has notice.
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CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S PLUM PUDDINGS. Each, 40c and	75c
FRESH APPLE RHUBARB 2 lbs. for	25c
LEA & PERRIN'S WORCESTER SAUCE Per bottle, \$1.00, 65c and	35c
FRENCH MUSHROOMS Sur extra. Per tin	60c
FANCY BOXES CHOCOLATES Per box, \$5.00 to	25c

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CREMO Just like Cream of Wheat. 10-lb. sack	60c
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BROWN & POLSON'S PAISLEY FLOUR Per tin	25c
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PACIFIC MILK Large cans, 3 for	25c
SHAMROCK PURE LARD, 10s. per tin, \$2.00, 5s. per tin, \$1.00, 3s. per tin.	60c
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BLUE FUNNEL LINER TO BUNKER OUTBOUND

Talithybius Will Have Record Draft for Union Bay Waters

For the first time since the Blue Funnel Line has been operating to this coast, a fully laden vessel of the fleet, drawing anything up to 30 feet of water, will go alongside the bunkers at Union Bay early next month to replenish her fuel supply for the trip across the Pacific.

Carrying 17,000 measurement tons in her holds the Holt liner Talithybius will go direct from Seattle to Union Bay January 5 to fill her bunkers, afterwards touching at this port on her way out to sea for the purpose of embarking steamer passengers.

Hitherto the ships of this fleet have, after discharging cargo at Vancouver, shifted to Union Bay for bunkers, later proceeding to Seattle and Tacoma to load cargo. Although there is no apparent shortage of coal at Union Bay, merchant ships, at the present time, are experiencing some difficulty in getting the customary dispatch at the bunkers. This situation is responsible for the temporary change in routing the liner Talithybius, which could not be accommodated on completing its loading operations at Vancouver, and consequently she will take on her fuel when outbound.

The motor barge Wakeha, of the Border Line Transportation Company, for which Dodwell & Co. are agents, will arrive here from Seattle on Christmas Day with cargo on the Talithybius and freight for Esquimalt.

JAPANESE STEAMER DESTROYED BY FIRE

With the arrival of the Panama Maru from the Orient yesterday it was learned that the Japanese steamer Arita Maru was destroyed by fire off Kobe early this month with the loss of several lives. The vessel belonged to the Muroi Gomei Kaisha, and among other cargo was laden with 5,000 cases of naphtha and 1,255 cases of kerosene.

When passing Iwaya, Awaji, near Kobe, a terrible explosion took place and within a few minutes the vessel was enveloped in flames. Relief boats reached the scene in time to pick up part of the crew, but a number of men were reported missing.

A few hours after the fire broke out another explosion took place when the ship broke in two and disappeared. The surface of the sea where the disaster occurred was enveloped in flames for a long time, the burning oil illuminating the sky throughout the night.

The vessel was insured at Tokio for \$50,000.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Shimoda Maru	R. P. Rithet	Kobe	Dec. 23
Yokohama Maru	4,910	GT. Northern	Hongkong	Dec. 23
Tamba Maru	1,903	GT. Northern	Hongkong	Jan. 13

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	For	Due
Talithybius	6,522	Dodwell	Hongkong	Jan. 5

COASTWISE SERVICES

For Vancouver

Steamer Princess Victoria leaves daily at 2 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary or Alice daily at 11:30 a. m.

For San Francisco

Steamer Princess Adelaide arrives daily at 3 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary or Alice at 6:30 a. m.

For Seattle

Steamer Princess Adelaide leaves daily at 4:30 p. m.

Steamer Princess George leaves Sundays, 10 a. m.

For Port Angeles

Steamer Sol Duc leaves daily except Sunday at 11:30 a. m.

For Port Angeles

Steamer Sol Duc arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a. m.

CAPT. M'KENZIE IN ROLE OF SANTA CLAUS

Prince Rupert Makes Another Trip North Owing to Rush of Business

On account of the Christmas rush to the north the Grand Trunk Pacific steamship Prince Rupert, Capt. Duncan McKenzie, is making another trip between Vancouver and Skagway, the three-funnelled craft having been dispatched from the Terminal City last night with a large list of passengers bound for all points of call en route to Alaska.

The Prince Rupert, according to the company's schedule, was to have been withdrawn and laid up for the winter following her arrival from the north yesterday afternoon, but heavy bookings brought about a change in the original plans.

Thus the Prince Rupert becomes the Christmas ship for the north. She will reach Prince Rupert to-morrow, and is scheduled to make Skagway on Christmas morning. Many residents of Prince Rupert and Skagway went north by the G. T. P. ship with a view to spending the holidays at home. In addition to her large list of travelers the Prince Rupert is laden with heavy shipments of seasonal goods and mail for Ocean Falls and Prince Rupert, and this merchandise will be delivered in good time for the festive season.

Capt. McKenzie and his complement will spend the holiday at Skagway, the over-stocked steward's department being sufficient guarantee for a merry time.

On her return and last trip in the Alaska service the Prince Rupert will reach Vancouver next Thursday, when she will be taken off the run and brought to Esquimalt for drydocking, entering the graving basin Dec. 2. Capt. McKenzie will do the work. She will then be tied up and for the next two weeks will be in the hands of shipfitters and mechanics. Her engines will be thoroughly overhauled and her interior furnishings will also come in for close attention. During the early part of March it is expected the Prince Rupert will be in shape to replace the Prince George in the Rupert service, when the latter vessel will be withdrawn for overhaul. Both vessels will again be operated in the Skagway service next season.

YOKOHAMA MARU DUE

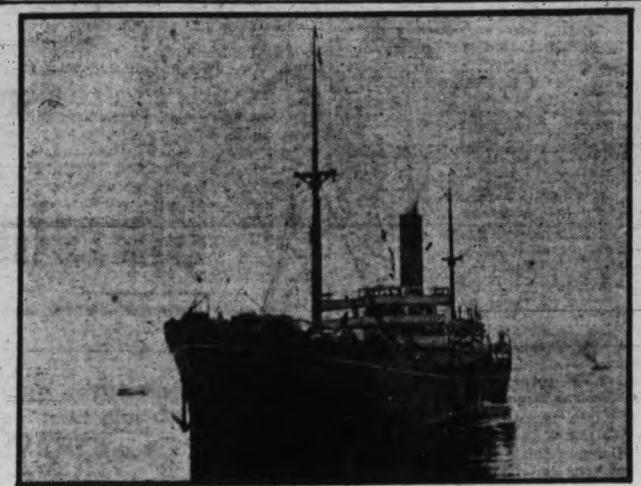
N. Y. K. Liner Reports Arrival From the Far East to-morrow Morning.

The N. Y. K. liner Yokohama Maru, Capt. Shimoda, reports by wireless that she will reach port to-morrow morning with passengers and freight from the Orient. No time was given, but it is expected she will make quarantine to be passed shortly after daybreak. The Yokohama has 29 passengers and 545 tons of cargo for this port. The liner Tamba Maru, of the same fleet, reached Hongkong Dec. 14, according to belated cable advices from the Far East. This is the first trip to the Tamba to the China station in several months, the vessel, up to recently, having been engaged in the Kobe-Victoria service.

GOVERNOR FOR SOUTH.

Late this afternoon the Pacific Steamship Company's steamship Governor, Capt. Thomas, will get away from the outer docks on her south-bound trip to San Francisco, San Pedro and San Diego. The following will be among those embarking here: Mrs. F. Waite and child, Mrs. W. J. Marks, Mrs. Emily J. McMorran, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kennard, Mr. and Mrs. L. Brown and child, Mrs. L. Moon, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Huxley, Mr. J. O. J. Huxley, Miss Nellie Huxley, Mrs. and Miss Adair, Mrs. Calder, Col. Atcheson, Mr. R. C. Black, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stewart, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Davies and child, Mr. J. Moudes and Mr. M. Howchett.

DUE FROM ORIENT TO-MORROW



N. Y. K. LINER YOKOHAMA MARU

FLARES USED TO ATTRACT RESCUERS

Steamer Humboldt Forced to Await Dawn Before Picking Up Stadia's Crew

Further details of the rescue of four of the six shipwrecked men from Storm Island by the steamer Humboldt, of the Humboldt Steamship Company's fleet, on Tuesday last, have been received by the owners of the American boat in a long wireless message from Capt. E. G. Baughman.

Capt. Baughman reported that after considerable difficulty in heavy seas he took aboard four men from the survey boat Stadia, which had been wrecked during a storm about a week previously. The men were rescued during a strong gale, being transferred to the ship through a heavy surf.

When the signals of the men were sighted on shore the surf was so heavy that it was out of the question to land a small boat, so Capt. Baughman used fuel oil to quiet the waves. This method proved successful and members of the crew of the Humboldt succeeded in placing the shipwrecked men safely aboard the vessel. Theodore Brown, one of the six men, was ill and could not be taken aboard the Humboldt, so provisions were put ashore and H. S. Gardner left to take care of him.

The flare signals of the men on the island were sighted at 2 a. m. last Tuesday, and because of the darkness and the heavy weather the Humboldt was compelled to wait until daylight before making the rescue, which cost her a delay of 12 hours.

The Humboldt has won the name of the Alaska rescue ship. Two years ago near the same place she rescued the crew of the G. T. P. tug Escort No. 1, who were all but lost in a heavy southeast gale. The cannery tender B. C. P. and her crew of eight were rescued from Helmeck Island July 15, 1914, and four years ago the Humboldt picked up a launch with two Japanese aboard in the Gulf of Georgia in a heavy gale and in grave danger of foundering.

The four men rescued from Storm Island by the Humboldt have been landed at Ketchikan. The Dominion lighthouse tender Newington, which rescued Brown and Gardner yesterday noon, and took them to Alert Bay, is expected to reach Victoria to-morrow.

WIRELESS REPORTS

Dec. 22, 8 a. m.
Point Grey—Fog; S. E. light; 29.69; 33; thick.
Cape Lazo—Cloudy; calm; 29.62; 31; sea smooth.
Pachena—Overcast; calm; 29.50; 35; light swell.
Estevan—Cloudy; calm; 29.56; 40; sea moderate.
Alert Bay—Rain; calm; 29.40; 31; sea smooth.
Triangle—Snow; N. light; 29.62; 35; light swell. Spoke str. Prince Albert, 8.45 p. m., Millbank Sound, northbound; str. Princess Beatrice, 4 a. m., off Pine Island, southbound.
Dead Tree Point—Rain; S. E. fresh; 29.49; 35; sea moderate.
Ikeda Bay—Snow; calm; 29.30; 29; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 29.43; 25; sea smooth.
Noon.
Point Grey—Overcast; S. E. light; 29.54; 37; sea smooth.
Cape Lazo—Snow; N. W.; 29.54; 32; sea smooth. Spoke, str. Alameda, 11.30 a. m., off Maud Island, southbound.
Pachena—Cloudy; E.; 29.55; 38; light swell.
Estevan—Overcast; calm; 29.21; 32; sea smooth.
Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.22; 36; sea smooth. Passed in, str. Princess Beatrice, 8.35 a. m., southbound.
Triangle—Snow; N.; 29.64; 35; light swell.
Dead Tree Point—Overcast; S. E. fresh; 29.48; 32; sea moderate.
Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; N. E.; 29.10; 32; sea moderate.
Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 29.39; 30; sea smooth.

CANADA MARU OUTBOUND.

Bound for the Orient, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Canada Maru, is due to arrive here from Seattle about 5 p. m. to-day, and after taking aboard a few steerage passengers will clear for Yokohama and Hongkong. This vessel was several days late in reaching the coast but is being dispatched on time.

BRISK DEMAND FOR TONNAGE CONTINUES

Second-Hand Vessels Bring Big Prices at Recent Sales

The extraordinary rise in the price of tonnage has had a tendency to slightly deter the progress of transactions, but the demand continues brisk, as may be inferred by the following recent sales:

S.S. Yamato Maru (Ja.) (ex Ceylon), 4,312 tons gross, 2,673 net, carries about 5,500 tons deadweight, built at Middlesbrough in 1894, 2nd. S.S. No. 3 in 1915, and owned by the Kawachi Goshi Kaisha, Dairen, has been sold foreign for about £175,000.

The steamer F. J. Lisman, M. E. Harper and Penobscot, each 2,234 tons gross, 1,666 net, built at Ecorse in 1911, which was acquired last July from the Shawmut S.S. Co., Boston, by the Oriental Navigation Co., New York, for \$762,500 each, have been transferred to the Soc. Nationale d'Affrètements, Paris, and renamed P. L. M. 2, S. N. 2, and P. L. M. 3 respectively.

Turret, deck S.S. Garibaldi (Br.), 3,508 tons gross, 2,455 net, built at Sunderland in 1907, and owned by the Vale Steamship Co., Ltd. (Messrs. A. Crawford, Barr & Co.), Glasgow, has been sold to Glasgow owners for about £86,500.

S.S. Oakdale (Br.), 1,340 tons gross, 836 net, carries about 1,780 tons deadweight, built at Hartlepool in 1878, S.S. No. 2 in 1912, new donker boiler in 1914, and owned by Messrs. Steel, Young & Co., London, has been sold to British owners for about £215,000.

The Norwegian steamer Leif Gundersen (ex Bannockburn), 2,000 tons reg., built at Glasgow in 1886, classed 190-A1, and S.S. No. 3 in 1911, and owned by the Akties. Leif Gundersen (Messrs. Gundersen & Cjertsen), Porsgrund, has been sold for about 960,000 kroner. Ten years ago she was sold for 110,000 kroner.

The American-Hawaiian liner Isthmian, 5,404 tons gross, reported in the Nov. 18 issue as sold to Norwegians for \$1,650,000, was purchased by the Norwegian-American Line, Bergen.

S.S. Joseph D. Fordney, 3,647 tons gross, which was recently sold to Norwegians, has been renamed Gustav Vidland.

IS CHRISTMAS SHIP

Governor's Interior Elaborately Decorated With Holly, Mistletoe and Fir.

The steamship Governor will be a gaily decorated ship when she leaves port this evening on her southbound trip to San Francisco. Departing from Seattle at 11 o'clock this morning the vessel's social hall and dining saloon was elaborately bedecked in autumn leaves, holly, mistletoe and Christmas trees, giving the interior of the ship a seasonal appearance.

The Governor will arrive at San Francisco Christmas Eve, and a big Xmas dinner will be served aboard the liner just before she steams through the Golden Gate. The steamship will have over 400 passengers, including nearly 100 embarking at Victoria.

TIDE TABLE.

Date	Time	High	Low	Time	High	Low
Dec. 22	1:30	5.7	10:37	3.1	10:37	3.1
23	1:30	5.7	10:37	3.1	10:37	3.1
24	1:30	5.7	10:37	3.1	10:37	3.1
25	1:30	5.7	10:37	3.1	10:37	3.1
26	1:30	5.7	10:37	3.1	10:37	3.1
27	1:30	5.7	10:37	3.1	10:37	3.1
28	1:30	5.7	10:37	3.1	10:37	3.1
29	1:30	5.7	10:37	3.1	10:37	3.1
30	1:30	5.7	10:37	3.1	10:37	3.1
31	1:30	5.7	10:37	3.1	10:37	3.1

THREE KNOTS BETTER THAN CONTRACT SPEED

Hanna Nielsen Makes Exceptionally Good Showing on Her Trials

Seattle, Dec. 22.—Maintaining a speed of 14 1/2 knots with perfect ease and gliding through the water as gracefully as a yacht, the new Seattle-built steamship Hanna Nielsen, launched recently at the yards of the Skinner & Eddy Corporation, exceeded the expectation of her builders and owners during her trial voyage and steaming tests on the government measured mile off Vashon Island. The contract speed guaranteed by her builders was 11 1/2 knots.

During her trial voyage and speed tests the new liner was in command of Capt. "Buck" Bailey, and aboard the vessel were Capt. Egil Johnston, representing B. Stolt-Nielsen, of Norway, owner of the big craft; D. E. Skinner, president, and J. W. Eddy, vice-president of the Skinner & Eddy Corporation.

The vessel returned to the plant of her builders with everyone aboard her wearing the expression, "She's all that was claimed for her, and more too." The successful trial voyage and speed tests resulted in the fine vessel being delivered to her owners yesterday, and she proceeded to the Great Northern pier, Smith Cove, to begin loading for the Orient under charter to Andrew Weir & Co., of London, having been chartered to the big English shipping concern by A. M. Gillespie, of Seattle. The Hanna Nielsen will take a cargo of approximately 12,000 measurement tons.

The Hanna Nielsen is a sister ship to the Niels Nielsen, which left here a few days ago for Vladivostok after shipping a new propeller at Esquimalt.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, Dec. 21.—Arrived: Str. Crown of Leon, Liverpool, via way ports; str. Nome City, Tacoma; sailed: Str. Admiral Goodrich, San Francisco, via Nainaimo, B. C.; str. Senator, San Francisco; str. Nome City, Tacoma; str. Juneau, Port Blakeley. San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Arrived: Str. F. A. Kilburn, from Portland; str. Idaho (new), from Gray's Harbor; str. Admira Schley and Admiral Farragut, from Seattle; str. Yubari Maru, from Calcutta; str. Raymond, from Willapa Harbor; str. Valdez, from Boat Harbor; str. Gaites, from Pirate Cove; str. Eric, from Apia; sailed: str. Fuku Maru, for Yokohama; str. Northern Pacific and Olean, for Astoria; str. La Primera, for Portland; tug Goliath, towing bgs Wallacut, for Port Ludlow; str. Queen for Seattle.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 21.—Arrived: Str. Walther, from Auckland, N. Z.; str. Temora Maru, from Manila.

Port Townsend, Dec. 21.—Passed in: str. Corjova, from Tacoma; str. Umattilla, from Seattle, via Everett; passed out: str. Thorbjorn and Santa Maria.

Mukilton, Dec. 21.—Sailed: Str. Wilmington, for San Francisco, via Port Angeles; Everett, Dec. 21.—Arrived: Str. Umattilla, from Vancouver, B. C.; via Anacortes.

Tacoma, Dec. 21.—Arrived: Str. Cordova, from Southwestern Alaskan ports; str. Nome City, from Seattle; bgs Louisiana, from Anvik, B. C., in tow of tug Kingfisher; sailed: Str. Justin, for Shanghai, via Meadow Point; str. Nome City, for Seattle.

San Diego, Dec. 21.—Sailed: Str. President, for Seattle, via San Francisco.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21.—Sailed: Str. Northland and El Segundo, for San Francisco.

Raymond, Dec. 21.—Sailed: Str. Talise, for San Francisco.

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OWNED AT OSAKA

Officers of the Panama Maru evinced considerable interest in the sinking of the Japanese steamer Nagata Maru by a German submarine off Ushant on November 30, when the vessel was shelled and a number of the crew wounded. The Nagata, 5,000 tons, was owned by S. Nagata, of Osaka, who purchased her in May of this year from Norwegian interests at a figure said to be \$500,000. The vessel sailed from Hongkong September 15 for Saigon, where she took aboard 4,480 tons of rice for Havre via Marseilles. The Nagata was built at Glasgow in 1889.

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M. A. O. B.

To the Editor.—I notice it is always Times' correspondents that hold forth with the real sapient stuff. "A says: 'Let every storekeeper arrange with the employees what holiday they shall have, and the proprietors use their own judgment whether they keep their business going themselves or close up.' Well and truly said! There is no need of any platitudes at all. The pity of it is that Victoria has already lost thousands of dollars over this fool piece of Bowser's. It is monstrous that the hard-working trader who has put his savings, his all, into the business should be forced to close arbitrarily. Let the harassed clerk go—either to join or to sit it out in the stuffy movies and the business as usual." The publisher will do the rest. W. F. Dec. 21.

NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.

To the Editor.—While the last Sunday in the year has been appointed a day of national prayer, it will be well there is mingled with our prayers a note of thanksgiving to God for the good that has come out of the evil. For ample, we should thank God for the rich and disinterested motive which Great Britain to enter upon this even though now it may be a struggle for existence; for the welding together of the scattered parts of the British Empire; for the dying down of civil strife in social, political, and in church circles; for the spirit of self-sacrifice which has animated so many of our men and women shown in labor and wealth freely given for great cause; for the rising above material things and the gaining of a wider outlook; for the manifestation of practical sympathy for the sick, the aged, and the bereaved; for the making up of many traditional customs and the shaking off of many old ones, and the call to a greater simplicity of life; for the opening of our eyes to the danger of an exaggerated individualism and a new vision of the unity of our corporate life when we are together as ministering members one great body. Out of the grim and terrible struggle, out of the clash of arms, and the shock of nations there will emerge a new order of things beyond our present conception if we only keep looking up for the gleam, and are willing to follow the Light of the World. There's a light about to break. There's a day about to dawn. Men of thought and men of action. Clear the way.

Yours faithfully,
F. H. DU VERNET.
Bishop of Caledonia,
Prince Rupert, Dec. 20, 1916.

EDUCATION PROBLEMS.

To the Editor.—The correspondence in your columns on the subject of education would be amusing were not the matter of such vital and immediate import. It is very obvious that the lessons on education that the war has brought about have not been assimilated by the majority of your correspondents. It is the fashion either to decri German education to the uttermost, or else to laud it to the skies as producing the most perfect material efficiency the world has ever known. The truth of the matter, of course, is that the German system of education is human, that it undoubtedly develops great efficiency along some lines, and leaves much to be desired along others. The same may be said of Canadian education, though perhaps it is not as definite and clear-cut as the German and is modelled largely on the seemingly haphazard English system.

Permit me space in your columns to point out a few basic principles and suggest some broad outlines for an educational policy. I have experienced three continental systems myself, having in addition to an English public school and university taken courses in Germany, and therefore may have a slightly broader outlook than some whose knowledge is confined to this continent.

The first question we have to ask is what is the object of education? I do not think anyone will quarrel with the answer and give: "To produce a good citizen, morally, intellectually and physically."

Some will claim that morality lies in the sphere of religion, but careful analysis will show that morality is largely dependent on trained habits of mind and body, and therefore comes principally into the question of education.

Education begins at birth and for the first few years rests entirely in the hands of the parents, especially of the mother. Indeed the influence of parents in general matters of ethics and physical habits is bound to be paramount right up to maturity. This, however, does not deprive the educational system of its responsibility in the matter. Indeed it is only by looking on the boys and girls in our schools as the parents of the future that we

can in any way get a clear idea of the problem that faces us.

I take it that I shall not encounter any great opposition in laying down as an axiom that from the intellectual point of view the first business of education is to teach a child to learn. As a corollary to this it is obvious that the first steps taken must be to teach the child to express itself clearly. Its mother tongue must therefore be the primary subject of education, that is to say, as regards ourselves English. By English I do not necessarily mean English literature, but a thorough working knowledge of the English language. Side by side with language are the ideas, expressed by numbers, and dimension, and therefore the next subject on our list will be simple arithmetic.

It is further obvious that it is important that a child should have a clear comprehension of the world in which it lives. Elementary natural history will therefore come third on the list, with such elements of biology and geology as are within the compass of a child's brain, and there are such elements.

As the child grows a little older it is obvious that it is expedient that it should acquire some knowledge of its own species and its own race. History therefore comes fourth on the list, and it is plain to the most stupid that any development of history would be meaningless without some knowledge of geography.

By this time we will assume considerable development in the child's brain, and that it is capable of receiving instruction in the methods of calculation and deduction as relating to the majority of human actions. General elementary mathematics will now appear on the curriculum. In fact, our curriculum of elementary education will read as follows:

Five to eight years—Elementary English, elementary arithmetic, elementary natural science.
Eight to 14 years, primary school—English, history, geography, elementary mathematics, elementary natural science.

So far, so good; but side by side with this educational training must go a physical and to some extent a moral training.

Children in the kindergarten stage should be encouraged during play hours, and these should be longer than the hours of work, to run about and play, make a noise and generally exercise their lungs and their pores heedlessly without thought of what they are doing. That is to say, a child at this stage does not want to have set games or be bound by too many rules. Natural exuberance of spirits should be given full rein to, compatible with decency of behavior and the prevention of inconvenience to others.

At the primary school some form of disciplined gymnastics should form

part of the curriculum, so designed as to exercise no undue strain on the growing parts. Games, such as football, cricket, baseball, should be introduced, but should not be carried to excess. The great value of games of this sort, apart from the exercise, is development of that code of sportsmanship and fair play that has done so much to make the British peoples what they are.

Then again garden plots in connection with the natural science training have been found an instructive and valuable addition, especially in rural districts.

Discipline should be maintained at all times, but by discipline I do not mean that selfish tyranny that one occasionally sees developed by schoolmasters. The teacher who can enter into her pupils' point of view is the one who will achieve the best and most lasting results.

The cane is a necessary adjunct to all schools, especially where boys are, but the wise preceptor will only use it rarely and after due consideration.

On leaving the primary schools we come to the parting of the ways. The rush and pressure of modern civilization is such that the child is compelled to decide the general outlines of his future existence, or rather his parents aided by the advice of his teachers, must do it for him.

By this time the natural bent of a child's mind should be sufficiently broadly outlined as to give his parents some indication as to what occupation would be most suitable.

To put matters briefly, from 14 onwards the boy or girl must in addition to the general curriculum as outlined above, take up specialized subjects destined to fit him (or her) for the vocation in life most suited to natural characteristics.

If a child is destined for the professions, Latin and Greek must be added to the curriculum, Latin especially. More advanced chemistry and natural science should be supplied to those intending to take up the medical profession. Foreign languages, French and to inhabitants of this continent, Spanish should be part and parcel of an educated man's accomplishments.

This department of education would naturally come into the sphere of the High school, and I would also strongly urge the addition of two other branches of the High school, viz., the commercial and the industrial, including engineering. This division of High school education into faculties is merely a trifle previous to what is done in all our universities, and as one of your correspondents rightly put it, the High school is or should be a preliminary to the university.

But if the child is to enter one of the trades and become a craftsman, and does not aim as high as a university career, I do not see why our existing primary public schools could not be made sufficiently elastic to handle the situation. Let the child therefore continue at the primary school for two more years, taking in addition to the general curriculum, technical classes and manual training. By that time if the teaching is efficiently carried out, a short apprenticeship to a master craftsman or in some works should turn him out a thoroughly competent and skilled laborer, so that by the time he is 18 or 19 he will become a wage-earner and fully capable of self-support.

During this period from 14 upwards all boys should be compelled to join some semi-military cadet corps as part of their physical and moral education. These cadets should go into camp for at least a fortnight annually during the summer months. There is no system in the world more conducive to general well-being than manual training in arms, and no system equal to the British military system, equal in imparting genuine discipline and the faculty of taking care of oneself. The enormous value that accrues to a nation beset by foes by such a system is evidenced by the present war, and Sir William Robertson does full justice to the work of the English public school cadet corps when he says of their products: "We do not know what we should have done without them."

In short, the remedy for the immediate educational problem here in British Columbia as I see it, is the cutting down of the elementary education to essentials; the division of the High schools into faculties more along university lines, but without giving up or neglecting general education, and the establishment of technical and manual training for the older pupils in our primary schools, together with compulsory semi-military training for all boys between the ages of 14 and 18.

In addition I would make education compulsory on all children up to the age of 16.

H. B. WINGATE WHITE.
Cobble Hill, Dec. 17.

Will Dr. Fort Newton, who has accepted the pastorate of the city temple, ever see the fulfillment of a prophecy of the late Dr. Joseph Parker? In the early part of his London ministry Dr. Parker—his words are in print, prophesied that, without ceasing to be minister of the city temple, he would at no distant date preach in St. Paul's cathedral. He was sanguine enough to believe that within his lifetime the act of parliament which makes it illegal for a Nonconformist minister to occupy an Anglican pulpit would be altered. This has not yet been done, and the doctor never preached in St. Paul's. His successor, Rev. R. J. Campbell, has had this honor, but he had to cease being a dissenting minister first. Perhaps one of the side-issues of the war will be to make it possible for the third minister of the city temple to carry out in himself the first minister's wish.—London Chronicle.

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CALL AND INSPECT OUR STOCK of high-class furniture, good as new; just the thing for Xmas gifts. City Mart, 708 Port street. Furniture bought or exchanged. Phone 1435.

SEWING MACHINE ELECTRIC MOTOR make ideal Xmas gifts. See them at 718 Yates.

WATERMAN and Swan fountain pens. T. N. Hibben & Co.

XMAS TREES. 15c to \$1. Holly and greenery. 1116 Blanshard. Phone 3071.

DON'T BE TOO LATE. We still have a few boys' wagons, strong enough to be useful. Waites & Knappton, 141 Douglas street.

UTILE LINE of Phillips' chocolates in boxes from 25c up at Phillips', 1428 Government street.

FAIRALL'S SODA WATERS are absolutely pure, safe for the children and deliciously refreshing. Phone 212.

FOR SALE—Bills. Finder please leave at Times Office. \$50 reward. Numbers of bills known.

FOR SALE—Cheap, small white Pomeranian male, 2 months old. 1234 Douglas road.

FOR SALE—Black and white smooth-haired fox terrier, answers to name of Toby. Owner's name and dog tag on collar. Phone 559.

MADE IN VICTORIA TOYS from 50c. at Godfrey's, corner Yates and Blanshard.

SECOND-HAND BICYCLE BARGAINS. 3-speed Singer, \$12; 3-speed, 26 in. Kirmor, \$15. I have some other bargains. Come in and see them. Godfrey's, Blanshard specialist, 802 Yates.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY OFFER—Vanguard bicycle, new, cushion frame, Dunlop special tires, usual price, \$35; special price, \$25. Godfrey's, corner Yates and Blanshard.

NOT DECIDED YET? Make it slippers and please "him" or "her." They're the most appropriate gift on the whole list. Special prices from 11c up at Stewart's Shoe Store, 1321 Douglas street. Calendar given away to every customer.

BOYS' BICYCLE. 18 in. frame, new, English Dunlop covers and tubes; a little handy. \$20. Godfrey's, corner Yates and Blanshard.

WANTED—Girl for general house work. Apply Phone 1208R.

COOK, experienced, wants situation. Apply Box 1062, Times.

WILL SACRIFICE fine toned piano, small cash payment, balance term. Box 1062, Times.

FURNISHED APARTMENT to rent, two bedrooms from City Hall. Apply 1221 Quadra.

DON'T DISAPPOINT THE BARNES. They want a pair of those fancy felt slippers that Stewart sells in the fancy rhyme boxes. Prices from 60c. An artistic picture 24 in. x 18 in. given with every purchase at 1321 Douglas St.

WHY IS IT so many people ask for Phillips' chocolates and candies? Because they are our own make and made fresh daily. Try them at Phillips', 1428 Government street.

WANTED—We have cash buyers for farms near Victoria. Bring in your list. Dunford's, 311 Union Bank.

EXCHANGE—5 and 10-acre blocks, close in, Saanich district, will trade for close title houses in city. Dunford's, 311 Union Bank.

FOR SALE, ACREAGE—100 acres, South Salt Spring, new house, 5 rooms, good outbuildings, would make excellent sheep ranch. \$24,000 at \$4,800, on terms. Dunford's, 311 Union Bank.

CHICKEN RANCH—Langford Station, 23 acres, 6-room cottage; snap at \$14,000, only \$400 cash. Dunford's, 311 Union Bank.

LOST—On Esquimalt road, crank handle. Reward. \$25. Returned road, crank handle. \$25. Reward.

EARRING LOST, between Strathcona Hotel and Post Office. Return to office of Strathcona Hotel. Reward.

STOP THINKING! An eleven hour suggestion for the gift. For "him," "Pulman's," "Everett" or "carpet" slippers. For "her," "Kozy," "Juliet" or "Boudoir" slippers, "spats" or "shoes." Stewart, 1221 Douglas street. Come in and get a calendar, they're free.

LOCAL NEWS

Now is the time to buy your printing for the year. Talk it over with Sweeney-McConnell, Ltd., Stationers, Book-Binders and Rubber Stamp Manufacturers, 1012 Langley St.

If You Require a Reliable Watch for Xmas at an extremely low price, go to Haynes, Victoria's Watchman, 1124 Government St.

Send Your Soldier a Photo for Xmas. It is the only thing he cannot buy for himself. Specially priced Ektas portraits at the Skene Lowe Studio, 664 Yates St.

Dance at the New Thought Temple. Friday night, 25 cents.

Special Rates for Winter Months. The Prince George Hotel offers special winter rates of \$3 per month to a limited number of guests. This rate includes all the privileges of this fine hostelry, use of bath, phone, reading, writing and music room, etc. Elevator service to all floors at all hours of night and day. Steam heat, hot and cold water in every room. Apply Prince George hotel, corner Douglas and Pandora.

McKenzie Sausages are the best.

A Warning to Parents.—You should especially at this time of year see that your children are getting pure candies for your children as a lot of the cheaper candies are only cheap because they are made with substitutes, such as starch and paraffine wax, etc. The candies are injurious to health and indigestible and it is only a square deal to the children that they get pure candies, because pure candy makes good, healthful food, and is a maker of energy. Everything we use in the manufacture of candy is of the finest quality, guaranteed free from substitutes and made fresh daily. Sugar fancies, Xmas novelties, and a large assortment of chocolate boxes now on show. Special K Mixture, 20c per lb.; 14 gold and silver medals and numerous diplomas won in open competition by Wipe for excellence and purity of their manufacture. Stores, 1210 Douglas street and 407 Yates St.

All men who saw service at the front and are not living at the Convalescent hospital, are invited, with their wives, to a dinner to be given by the Camosun Chapter, I. O. D. E., at the Alexandra Club, on Saturday, December 23, at 6.30 p. m. All who intend to be present are requested, if possible, to notify H. W. Hart, Hon. Sec. Returned Soldiers Assn., 701-1/2 Belmont House, by mail not later than Saturday morning, so that some idea of the number to be provided for may be obtained.

Betty Bright—I think, dear, you had better speak to papa to-night. Jack Timb—Why to-night, particularly?—Is he in a good humor to-night?—Well, he's in the humor to give me to you. I arranged with my milliner, dressmaker and dentist to send their bills to him this morning.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

SEWING MACHINES—Friday and Saturday. Sewing machines, \$12 up. 1600 Douglas street.

FOR SALE—Berried holly, 25c lb. delivered. 224 Superior street. Phone 2723.

SEWING MACHINES—Just arrived. A shipment of drop-heads, \$12 up. Bargain House, 1600 Douglas street.

PART PERSIAN TOM KITTEN lost on Humboldt or Douglas. Reward. Phone 2001.

SEWING MACHINES, a dining room, suite, bed lounges and easy chairs at special prices. Friday and Saturday. 1600 Douglas street.

1916 FORD CAR for sale. At condition. \$500 cash; owner leaving city. Apply Box 1010, Times.

SEWING MACHINES priced from \$6 to \$26. 1600 Douglas street.

XMAS PRESENTS—Old set dog puppers, 4 months old, \$5 each. Box 1062, Times.

SEWING MACHINES—Before buying, a machine, don't fail to call at 1600 Douglas street.

AT FERRIS'S—Set of fumed oak diners and dining table, cost \$120; mission oak table, mission oak chairs, mission oak bookcases, mission oak buffet, brass bedstead, selling less than half-price, fine lot heaters. 1419 Douglas St.

SEWING MACHINES—Cabinet Singer on special for Friday and Saturday. 1600 Douglas street.

REMY MAGNETO, \$10; pure bred Minorcas, \$1; quantity very netting, incubator. Burnside.

SEWING MACHINES—Look, I have three special for Friday and Saturday. 1600 Douglas street.

MAINTENANCE, unemployed, wanted to report to McCullum, St. James Hotel.

BRIGHT-ROOM HOUSE, modern in every particular, furnace, hardwood floors, near sea and golf links, 463 Lampson street, "Rockwood," 6-room, furnished house, modern, with furnace, near car, 314 Empress. Apply T. H. Slater, 311 Union Bank Building. Phone 4802.

SEWING MACHINES—Buy your sewing machines from the Bargain House, 1600 Douglas street. 10c to 50c per cent. lower than any other store in town. 1600 Douglas street.

MANY STORES DOING AFTERNOON BUSINESS

Half-Holiday Act Will Not Interfere With Shoppers To-morrow

Some stores will be open to-morrow afternoon and some will not. Just the extent of the intention to continue doing business in the old-fashioned way until late in the evening is not definitely known, but belated shoppers and those accustomed to the pleasure of a tour of the shopping district just on the eve of Christmas will not be utterly disappointed, many of the stores having declared their intention of remaining open on this exceptional occasion in spite of the Saturday Half-Holiday act.

There is considerable disagreement among the merchants, however. With very few exceptions they favor Saturday for the half-holiday, but express the view—in the cases of those that are keeping open—that some provision should have been made for such an occasion as the present when Christmas falls on Monday. Dry-goods merchants, men's clothing, jewelers, boot shops, furniture dealers, china shops, grocers and butchers and other lines of business are taking independent stands in the matter, some announcing their intention of doing business, and others stating that they will close at the usual hour, 1 o'clock. A number were interviewed this morning, but were by no means unanimous in their replies.

"No, we are not keeping open to-morrow afternoon," said one of the leading grocers in answer to a question. The speaker was very emphatic and a little indignant.

Will Obey Law.

"We would like to be open very much," he continued. "But the law is there, and it is there to be upheld until it is changed. I consider it is a great injustice that the merchant who tries to do the right thing in this respect is receiving so little support. As far as we are concerned we could stay open and pay the ten-dollar fine. Our business would pay many times over for the forfeit. But we don't believe the principle is right, and we're going to close. I don't think there should be any discrimination made. A lot of us didn't want the half-holiday, but when it was fixed that we should have it and a majority upheld Saturday as the day for it I think it should be supported by the law at least."

This merchant has not suffered the penalty of a fine for previous misdemeanor with respect to the Saturday half-closing. One grocer at least frankly admitted that he is keeping open, so that the vigilant "arm of the law" will not require to carry a bull's-eye lantern to discover the miscreant. Would-be defiance is checked in some instances by the forces of the law. Sugar fancies, Xmas novelties, and a large assortment of chocolate boxes now on show. Special K Mixture, 20c per lb.; 14 gold and silver medals and numerous diplomas won in open competition by Wipe for excellence and purity of their manufacture. Stores, 1210 Douglas street and 407 Yates St.

Wavered Purpose.

Some of the butchers are wavering between obedience and disobedience. For the most part the dry-goods stores seem to take the stand that they cannot afford to stand out and let the other man get the business by keeping open. There are exceptions, however. "We can't stand the law, but we don't believe in breaking it," said one of the leading ladies' outfitters of the city who stands firm in support of the "dicta of the people" that stores should close on Saturday afternoons. "Some of the leading stores who stood out most prominently in favor of the Saturday Half-Holiday Act are now taking the most conspicuous place in setting it aside," the manager of this place commented.

Whatever is being done is being done by the stores independently. There is no concerted movement in any of the lines of business, whether in boots, furniture, men's clothing or dry-goods, either to stay open or to close. The director of a Victoria establishment, well-known for the leniency and consideration which he shows his employees, has decided to keep the doors open to-morrow afternoon and evening only after consulting the clerks as to their willingness in this respect. He thinks, and the public will doubtless justify the faith, that merchandise is more desirable than law on some occasions, if one or other has to be dispensed with.

The fact that no united stand is being taken in the matter by the merchants, except as the preponderance of opinion is demonstrated in the total of individual action, shows the unsatisfactory character of the act passed during the last six months. The referendum on the subject expressed a majority of opinion in favor of the Saturday half-holiday. The act, however, made no provision for exception in the case of Saturdays immediately preceding such holidays as Labor Day, Christmas, New Year's Day, etc. And yet, without absolutely setting the enactment at naught, it is obviously impossible for the police to permit the merchants and stores generally to remain open without paying the fine imposed by the act, while the public, on the other hand, who committed themselves in favor of the half-holiday, break the law for which they asked only too readily (so it is argued) and escape the penalty.

Yet most of those who were out-

standing in their advocacy of the half-holiday remain as loyal as ever to the principle of the thing, maintaining only that in the present instance it is absolutely impossible without great loss of custom to stand apart in isolated distinction by closing.

"I did my level best to try and make to-morrow a closed day," said one of these merchants, who thinks the only solution to a repetition of the present disagreement will be an amendment to the act providing for certain exceptional Saturdays, preceding holidays, when stores will be allowed to remain open without incurring fines.

PREMIER PLEASED WITH THE RESULT

Government Will Now Go Ahead Vigorously With Work for People

"I certainly consider the result of the by-election in Vancouver yesterday as a vindication of my action in calling M. A. Macdonald into the cabinet," said Hon. H. C. Brewster in conversation with a Times representative this morning.

"It shows that Mr. Macdonald's fellow-citizens whose opinion is worth the having retain the esteem and respect for him which they have always had, and that the campaign of vilification and mendacity which has been pursued against him for months has had no effect. It is a gratification to me that my colleague has polled such an excellent vote in face of the determined assault made upon him."

"We have had overmuch election in British Columbia this year, and the people are looking for results instead. The government realize that the people have sent us back as their representatives to do work, and work we will. There is very much to do, but the magnitude of the task does not daunt us. We have promised to give the province honest, efficient and economical government, and that promise we intend to redeem. With it we will endeavor to bring into operation such policies as will bring about production in every line of natural industry."

There was a council meeting this forenoon, lasting for two and one-half hours, at which a number of matters of routine were dealt with, and others were discussed and left for further action. Lines of policy were tentatively talked over. This being the first time the ministers have been all together since the by-elections there were naturally congratulations all round at the outset.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Ten Days' Recess Began To-day; Few Closing Exercises on This Occasion

With the exception of one or two of the public schools, almost all the schools in the city and district formerly closed for the holidays this morning, and the children are now released till January 2.

The closing exercises were much less elaborate than was the custom of former years at Yuletide, few functions only taking place at a few of the schools. Oakland, however, delayed the closing till this afternoon, in order to have the use of Quadra school, which was occupied in the morning by its own scholars.

Some of the country schools are making the occasion one for a social gathering of parents and friends, who instead of setting out to entertain themselves, are engaged in the more profitable task of amusing the children. The function at Gordon Head is one of this character.

At this time of year, under former conditions, it was customary for a number of teachers to take other appointments, but as there has been an increasing competition for positions, few alterations in the personnel of the schools will occur when the class re-assemble. The number of vacancies on the city teaching staff is limited at this time, and it is the intention to fill them at a meeting which will be held on Thursday next. The customary assignment roll will then be announced.

So far there has been no date set for the interview between members of the board and the Teachers' Association with regard to salaries, at least such is assumed to be its object, though there is no intimation to that effect yet, and possibly the meeting may not occur till after the year-end, although the majority of the board will continue in office next year, as four were elected this spring.

THE MAYORALTY

Alderman Todd Will Not Open Campaign Till New Year.

Alderman Todd announces that until the new year he does not propose actively to prosecute his candidature for the mayoralty. He looks forward to joint meetings for a favorable opportunity to capitate to lay their views before the electors, first in several of the suburban areas in the form of ward meetings, and later in the centre of the city on the eve of the poll.

It is understood there will not be any campaign meetings next week, in fact the aldermen have enough to do to keep them busy in the interval between Christmas and New Year.

ONE TENDER IN FOR WYLLY PROPERTY

Problem Comes Up Again To-morrow; Further Questions on Taxation

Up till noon to-day only one tender had been received for the Wyllly property. The tender was to be considered at a meeting of the city council this afternoon, specially called for that purpose, following the refusal of the council to come

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS | SHORTS SUFFER IN

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

...recovery in the steel industry. Trading was very active and there was a substantial absence of the liquidation of yesterday. The steel shares were up from 5 to 10 points, while Dominion Bridge gained 10 points. The lower priced shares also

Prices Hold in Spite of Scattered Selling

	High	Low	Close
Australian L. H. & P.	44	43	41
Int. Tel.	146	146	146
Canada Car	35	32	35

(By Wise & Co.)

Canada Cement	63 1/2	59 1/2	63 1/2	New York, Dec. 22.—The short interest on the stock market suffered badly at the opening. Prices ranged from two
U. S. Cotton	55	54	55	
Canada S. S.	35	35	34	

... pref.	50	98	70	ten points all round, and though scattered
...roit United	124	122	123	selling took place—prices held well and
...m. Cannons	473	464	474	most cases scored an advance. U.
...m. Bridge	169	162	169	Steel opened three points above yes
...m. Iron com.	634	634	651	
...	80	80	80	

Tex., com.	81	81	81	day's close and in the course of the
nt. Tram, com.	39	38	39	reached 1974. Equipment issues w
Scotia Steel & C.	115	112	112	strong and copper steady on their o
ebec Railway	30	26 1/2	30	lightly sales. The rally with Union

St. Lawrence River, com.	16	154	153
St. Lawrence, com.	62	60	62
Onto Ralls	75	74	74
London	116	115	115
Ed.	80	79	80

ple Leaf	105	96	105
ge	195	189	195
n, com.	16	15	15
n War Loan (new)	98	98	98

U. S. War Loan (old)	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 3/4	Allis-Chalmers	27 1/2	27
Yagamac	100	91	91	Do., pref.	85	84 1/2
% % %				Amn. Agr. Chemical	88	85
				Amn. Beet Sugar	92	86
				Amn. Can.	4 1/4	46

THE WINNIPEG MARKET	
Amn. Car & Foundry	65 1/2
Amn. Ice Securities	39 1/2
Amn. Locomotive	75 1/2
Amn. Smelting	106 1/2
Amn. Steel Foundry	61 1/2

per for December and 1c. higher for	Ann. Sugar	106 1/2	106 1/2
ry. Oats gained 2c. in December and	Ann. Woolen	43 1/2	43 1/2
in May. Barley was 1c. higher. Flax	Ann. Tel. & Tel.	125 1/2	125 1/2
advanced 3 1/2c. in December and 2c. in May.	Ann. Zinc	80 1/2	80 1/2
Unhappy fluctuations were 1/2c. and 1/4c.	Appendix	83 1/2	79 1/2

for the week, we 1c. and 2c. for December	104	102
ember, and May respectively. Oats		
up 1c. and 1c. for the week, Barley	102	98
and 2c., and flax 5c. for December	81	83
2c. for May for the week.	62	58
the holiday to-morrow and Monday.	510	500
	814	81

Butte Sup.	497	46
Central Leather	167	164
C. & O.	864	782
C. & G. W.	635	631
C. & G. W.	144	14

Do., pref.	41 1/2	40
C., M. & St. P.	91 1/2	90
Col. Fuel & Iron	45 1/2	41 1/2
Con. Gas	122 1/2	120 1/2
Crucible Steel	50 1/2	55 1/2

Dist-	Gen. Class.	Distillers Sec. 7	52	29
168	1712		554	843
173-172	1747		49	482
		Bo., 1st pref.	611	594
		Goodrich	1174	1163
	621	G. N. pref.		

Granby	894	86
G.N. Ore cts.	354	243
Illinois Cent.	197	1048
Ind. Alcohol	1123	103
Insulation	57	532

Inter. Nickel	424	403
Kas. City Southern	264	257
Lackawanna	824	78
Lehigh Valley	79	781
Maxwell Motor	521	49

nts—2 C. W., 548; 3 C. W., 515; extra 1	Mex. Petroleum	974	96
1, 515.	Mer. Mercantile	276	251
Carley—No. 2, 98; No. 4, 93; rejected, 72;	Do., pref.	924	84
1, 72.	Miami	381	36
Max—1 N. W. C., 2394; 2 C. W., 2061; 3	N. Y. Air Brake	1462	140

Nevada Cons.	240	224
New Haven	524	512
N. Y. C.	104	102 1/2
N. Y. O. & W.	304	292
N. & W.	136	135

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The wheat market	N. P.	110 1/2	110
closed to-day, as there seems to	People's Mail	20	19 1/2
	Pennsylvania	56 1/2	55 1/2
	People's Gas	136	135
	Pressed Steel Car	75	74 1/2

been a big demand for cash wheat	Railway Steel Spg.	494	462
exporters, and this has been reflected	Ray, Cons.	267	249
the market. May wheat sold up four	Reading 1044	1021	
a half points over last night's close	Rep. Iron & Steel 77	74 1/2	
closed firm. Corn and oats both ad-	Sloss Sheffield 58	55 1/2	

ced over a point. Liverpool: Wheat	S. P.	974	994
duy and unchanged to	Sou. Railway (.....)	324	32
go market steady. Corn	Do., pref.	70	69
changed. Parcel market	Studebaker Corp.	112	106
Argentine-Weather	Texas Pacific	206	202

Heat—		Open	High	Low	Close															
165 @ 163 1/2	168	162 1/2	168																	
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Utah Copper	1014	968
Va. Car Chemical	41	401
Western Union	99	96
Westinghouse	554	538
Money on call, 4 per cent.		

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NEW YORK SUGAR.
New York Dec. 22.—Raw sugar quiet.

refined, \$5.14; molasses, \$4.27; refined	£135 10s.; electrolytic, £154; spot
; fine granulated, \$7.06.	£177; futures, £179.



MINISTERS WORKING DILIGENTLY DAILY

All Members of the Cabinet
Are Putting in Long Hours
at Duties

The ministers of the province are all in the city to-day, with the exception of the minister of lands, who is on his way north. All are being kept busy with the work of their departments, and with the planning of lines of action for the future administration of the branches of the public service under their care.

In every case the new ministers are showing themselves keenly alive to their duties, and are making themselves acquainted with every phase of the working of the public service in their department. They have all begun office with the realization that they are trustees for the people, and that their personal attention to the duties which fall to them is none too good service.

Careful and cautious management of the affairs of the province is the aim of the new ministry, and this is being given to the public business for the first time in the history of the province. It entails long hours upon the ministers, twelve to fifteen hours a day, but all are meeting the demands upon them cheerfully, and the example of their leader is a stimulus to doing the very best.

Executive meetings are being held nearly every day when there is a majority of the cabinet in town, and some of these last for considerable periods, that of to-day, for instance, lasting from shortly after 11 o'clock until after 1:30. Except for Monday the ministers will all be busy throughout the holiday season, and have a number of deputations booked for next week. There is also the work of the coming session to be prepared for, legislation to be drafted and arranged for, and other planning to be done in preparation for the annual meeting with the legislature.

CHRISTMAS CLOSING

Field Day and Entertainment at Preparatory School, Shawnigan.

There was some good shooting by the boys of C. W. Lonsdale's Preparatory school at Shawnigan Lake on the occasion of the breaking up for the Christmas holidays. The school was divided into two sections for drill and field exercises, and the judging was done by Col. J. Eardley-Wilmot. He awarded 50 out of a possible 100 to section 2 and 70 to section 1. F. Gooch led the former and M. Harris the latter. The prize, which is known as the Ypres Challenge Cup, was presented during the afternoon.

Prizes for the term were presented by Mr. Lonsdale to R. Robertson, E. Musgrave, M. Harris and F. Gooch, and the boys sang part songs, and Miss Lonsdale played selections on the violin, all of which were much appreciated by the parents and friends who were present.

Afternoon tea was served to the guests, among them being Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Mrs. R. Musgrave, Mrs. H. B. Robertson, Mrs. Toms, Col. and Mrs. Eardley-Wilmot, Mrs. Gooch, Mrs. Stevenson, Rev. G. and Mrs. Atkins and Mr. and the Misses Ravenhill. At the close supper was served to the boys, who spent the evening playing games.

DOMINION THEATRE.

Ramona, the only burlesque in captivity who possesses a dramatic temperament, is one of the minor members of the splendid cast supporting Thomas Meighan and Anita King, who will be seen at the Dominion this evening in the Jesse L. Lasky production of "The Heir to the Hoorah." Ramona has appeared with many of the prominent stars at the Lasky studio, and is fully aware of her importance as a dramatic actress. Prior to her appearance in "The Heir to the Hoorah" her talents were confined to what is generally known as "location" work, that is, taking scenes out in the country. In this photodrama it was necessary that Ramona come up on the stage so as to make her debut close to the camera. She was a bit nervous, and as she was to bear a heavy wooden cradle on her back she was a bit disconcerted, and the sight of the tables and living room furniture also tended to call forth a display of dramatic temperament. First she absolutely refused to play the scene and would not step up on the platform, in spite of the pullings and pushings of the entire Lasky force. Finally when her wages were increased by two more bunches of carrots, she condescended to appear.

ATLANTIC MOVEMENTS.

Local agents have been advised that the C. P. O. S. liner Granplan reached St. John, N. B., December 19.

The liner Missanab reached Liverpool Dec. 18, and the Scotian docked at Glasgow the same day.

Drawing for Doll.—On Saturday night the drawing for the doll which has been on view in Williams' Drug Store will take place at the Oak Bay hotel at 8 p. m. The proceeds will go to the Oak Bay Red Cross, and the winning number will be posted in Williams' Drug Store directly after the drawing takes place.

Found Drowned.—The coroner's jury this morning returned a verdict of found drowned in the case of the death of Joe Fracell, the Italian whose body was found in the water at Saanichton. There was nothing in the circumstances of the case to indicate in any way that there had been foul play.

MAYORALTY CANDIDATE.

J. Ivan Seabrook announces that he will contest the mayoralty. Mr. Seabrook was a candidate for aldermanic honors last January. He is the third candidate in the field.

GALLANTRY OF MEN OF 47TH BATTALION

Capt. F. Richardson Summarizes Achievements of Lieut.-Col. Winsby's Unit

Considerable information regarding Victorians who are serving in France and respecting British Columbia soldiers in general is contained in a letter which has been received from Capt. F. Richardson, of the 47th Battalion, Lieut.-Col. W. N. Winsby commanding, by local friends.

The captain, who is a musketry instructor in England, says, in part: "The 47th started out to make their objective in the big push and lost very few men. What is more, they got there. You would be surprised at the number of M. C. S. D. S. O.'s and D. C. M.'s distributed. They went over the top the last time and lost between 100 and 200, but they made good, believe me.

"You remember Jack McDonald, the high school teacher—say, if you ever saw a brave man he is the one. He and Keller (Vancouver) alone took a bunch of prisoners, Keller got the M. C. and Jack also, as well as another decoration. I suppose you know by this that Jack was killed.

"Monty (Major Monteth, of the 47th and a resident of Victoria) got badly bumped, as also did Robertson (Major F. Robertson, formerly of the 5th Regiment). Jack Hay was wounded and Keller put in hospital.

"Lieuts. Bodwell, Jackson, DeGraves (all of the mainland), besides about a dozen others, have been decorated. I was proud and always will be proud of the 47th. Gen. Currie says that Col. Winsby has a lot of boys so trained that they won't lose anything in the doing of it.

"I saw A. Sargison (Capt. A. Sargison, who left here in command of the ammunition column of the 15th Brigade, C. F. A.), and he is with Col. Ogilvie (formerly D. O. C. and now C. O. of the 15th Brigade). Doyle Rochford is stationed with the Canadian Medical Service, Billy Roch, I believe, has been returned ill from France.

"Harry Lettice (Capt. H. Lettice, formerly of the 5th Regiment) made a splendid quartermaster. You can take it from me he would get grub up to the front line if he had to take it himself. Young McDougall (Alex. McDougall, son of Mr. McDougall, of the B. C. Electric Ry. Co.) I took into the instructional staff, and he was a real good one, too, but his brother 'Dug's' call was too strong and he is going with the 45 battery. Alex. McLean (well known as a lawyer, formerly resident here), has been so in Wootton (Victoria). Blainey Scott (son of H. J. Scott, of the Canadian Explosives, Ltd.), is a full blown sub. Lieut. Diespecker has been promoted and is off again." (The latter since has been decorated).

Military Items

Col. J. Duff Stuart arrived back this morning from a short visit to Vancouver, where he has been on departmental duties.

All the officers in the Canadian army including the D. O. C. get the extra 25c. pay on Christmas Day. Some of them are wondering how they will spend it.

Lord Alastair Innes-Kerr, captain in the Royal Flying Corps, has arrived in Vancouver for the purpose of securing recruits for the aerial service, and is proceeding to this city. He wants men between the ages of 18 and 30. After they have had preliminary training here they will be sent to England, where they will be given a full course in aviation preparatory to going to the front.

The guard at Pacheña is anxious to express public appreciation of the gifts received by them from the Municipal Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire in this city of jam, tobacco, cigarettes, candies, cakes and Christmas puddings, as well as for magazines and newspapers. This guard is from the 50th Regiment with Col. Walker in charge.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon, leaving the B. C. Funeral chapel at 3:30 o'clock, to Rose Bay cemetery, Rev. Gilbert Cook officiating, of the late Matthew Taylor Pratt. He died on Tuesday at the age of 69 at the residence of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. P. Burcynne, at Bainbridge, near Alberni. He was a native of Warwickshire, England, and came to Canada 14 years ago. Till his health failed he farmed at Goldstream.

The funeral of the late S. B. Taylor took place yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the residence, 145 Olive street, and at 2 o'clock services were held at Christ Church cathedral. Many of the friends of the deceased man were present at the obsequies. The following were the pallbearers: Messrs. C. H. Smith, W. F. Hamilton, W. J. Knote, A. Summers, A. L. Curtis and A. Davis.

ACTION TAKEN TO RECOVER ON BOND

Minister of Finance Proceeds
Against One of Dominion
Trust Sureties

Hon. Ralph Smith, minister of finance, this morning took the first step toward suing the London Guaranty Company for payment of its bond for \$20,000, filed by the Dominion Trust Company, a few weeks before that company went into liquidation. The \$20,000 bond was given to secure the general trusts of the Dominion Trust Company. This morning in Vancouver W. J. Baird, at the instance of the new minister of finance, filed a writ in the supreme court claiming payment of the bond.

It is understood that the government will also prosecute the action on the \$200,000 bond which was begun by W. J. Bowser some time ago, but which had lain practically dormant for the past year. The \$200,000 bond was given by the Railway Passengers Guarantee Company for the benefit of the depositors and creditors of the Dominion Trust Company. It is a moot question whether the depositors can claim on this bond, as the liquidator, on the advice of counsel, has declined to admit their claims, and the question of the legal status of depositors has not yet been settled by the courts.

Premier Brewster, some time ago, limited his intention to continue the retainer of E. P. Davis, K. C., to continue the fight to have the depositors admitted as creditors, so that even if the depositors cannot get a direct claim on the \$200,000 bond, they have a chance of being admitted with the general creditors to a share in the bond and in the general assets.

PUBLIC MARKET.

The finest display since the inauguration of the local market was seen to-day. Bad weather conditions affected the attendance towards noon.

Following are the average quotations: Fruit—Pears, 6 lbs., 25c; cooking apples, 11 lbs., 25c; table apples, 7 lbs., 25c; Baldwin's and Greening, No. 2, per box, 11; Wealthy's, No. 2, 75c; No. 1, 1; Northern Spies, No. 2, 1125; Kings, No. 1, 1125; No. 2, 11.

Dairy produce—Hens' eggs, per doz., 55c and 60c; pullet eggs, 5c per doz. less; butter, per lb., 50c; cream cheese, per lb., 20c; Gouda cheese, per lb., 40c; Vegetables—Carrots, per lb., 14c; turnips, per lb., 14c; white cabbage, per lb., 2c; savory cabbage, per lb., 2c; parsnips, per lb., 2c; celery, per lb., 6c; Brussels sprouts, 6 lbs., 25c; artichokes, 6 lbs., 25c; head lettuce, 2 for 10c; leaf lettuce, 3 for 10c; sage, parsley, thyme, mint, per bunch, 5c.

Meats—Lamb, per lb., 25c to 30c; mutton, per lb., 12½c to 25c; veal, per lb., 15c to 20c; beef, per lb., 10c to 15c; pork, per lb., 15c to 20c; chicken, per lb., 25c to 30c; fowl, per lb., 22c; duck, per lb., 30c; geese, per lb., 30c; turkeys, per lb., 45c; dressed rabbits, per lb., 12c to 20c.

Fish—Fresh herring, per lb., 6c; best spring salmon, per lb., 17½c; halibut, per lb., 17½c; cod, per lb., 12½c; cod roe, per lb., 10c; clams, per lb., 5c; smoked black cod, per lb., 15c; smoked black cod belly fillets, per lb., 17½c; smoked black cod tips, per lb., 5c; bloaters, per lb., 7½c; kippers, per lb., 10c to 12½c; crabs, each, 10c.

James Bay Team.—The following will represent the James Bays in their soccer game against the Centrals at the Albion grounds at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon: Newman, Huxtable, Chester, Ackerman, Ledingham, Collison, Bigham, Shandley, Holmes, A. Moffat, J. Moffat.

Island Motorist.—The Christmas number of the Island Motorist is naturally interested in the candidature of Alderman Todd in the coming mayoralty campaign, that gentleman being the president of the Automobile Association and the apostle of good roads on the Pacific coast. It gives an outline of his policy and a crisp editorial asking for support for him. The publication is always bright and interesting to motorists, and this number is no exception to the general rule.

Donations to Home.—The manager of the Home for Aged and Infirm acknowledged with thanks the following donations to date: Mrs. B. W. Pearse, Illustrated London News; Mrs. C. Baxter, magazines; Mrs. Sampson, jam; Mrs. Blacklock, magazines; Miss Winston, fruit and papers; Oak Bay Red Cross, cakes; Hon. Jas. Dunsmuir, potatoes; Alderman Walker, reading matter; Levy Bros. News Stand, Old Country newspapers; Hibben & Co., periodicals and papers; Times and Colonist, two copies each per day; the Week, B. C. Mining Exchange and Christian Science Monitor.

Home From Fernie.—Chief Mines Inspector Graham has returned to the city from Fernie, where he was investigating the causes of the "bumps" in the coal mines of that district, which have been the cause of many accidents of late. George S. Rice, chief engineer of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, who was with him, has returned to Washington, and will prepare his report there. On their report will depend what action the government will take. It may be that it will be necessary to close some of the mines in order to avoid further loss of life.

A little fellow went into a shop some days ago to buy a pair of gloves. The shopman stared at the juvenile customer, and asked him what size he took. The youngster promptly informed him, "Do you want kid gloves, my boy?" asked the shopman. "Kid gloves be blowed!" ejaculated the customer. "I'm not a kid now; I want brown-up gloves."

DAYS STILL SHORTEST

"Official" Sunrise and Sunset Make
Three Days in Year Equal.

The popular idea that the shortest day in the year is December 21 dispels of Thursday as the darkest day of the year. As a matter of fact there are two days in this year's calendar which in matter of mere hours and minutes were exactly the same length, viz., December 20 and 21, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, when the official sunrise was at 8:02 a. m., and sunset at 4:20 p. m. The fact that the official sunrise this morning was at 8:03, disregarding the seconds, and the official sunset at 4:21, makes this day of the same official length. Those who are looking forward to a gradual return of early mornings from this time forward will be disappointed, for the sunrise continues to become later and later until nearly the end of the month, finally, on December 31, appearing as late as 8:05 a. m. Meantime, however, the official sunset time advances, too, and on December 31 will be at 4:28, so that there will actually be five minutes more daylight than there is to-day. January 1 will see a lengthening of the mornings as well as the afternoons.

A curious feature of this astronomical phenomena is that the sun reaches

its zenith always at the same time, 12 noon, the difference in the period that it takes to cover the arc between horizon and zenith and zenith and horizon being due to the declination.

Eleven Hundred Names Off.—The result of the cleaning up of the provincial voters' lists for the city of Victoria at the November revision has been the net removal of 1,100 names. There are now on the lists the names of 12,161 men as entitled to vote here. On the May lists there were 13,261 names. A proportion of the removals are due to death, but by far the greater number are on account of having ceased to reside for six months. There are probably a good many names still on that should not be there, but the Liberal officials consider that they have done very well for one revision. In Equivalents there are now 2,477 names on the lists, as against 2,601 on the May list, a decrease of 124.

DELAYED CHRISTMAS MAIL.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Delayed Christmas mail for British Columbia and the prairie will arrive here on Saturday morning. Ten carloads will be rushed through to the coast as soon as possible.

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FALSE ENTRIES ARE ALLEGED IN DIARIES

Former Fumigating Officer in Health Department Gives Peculiar Evidence

According to Corporal Clarkson, former fumigating officer, of the city health department, who was on the stand this morning in the investigation by a select committee of the council, conditions were not very wholesome in the department last year.

When the inquiry was mooted in 1915, Clarkson alleged that Inspector Lancaster asked Inspector Howes to get the witness to resign and go to the Willows before anything developed. He had been contemplating enlistment.

Inspector Howes, said, witness, told Mr. Lancaster he would not do that for him.

In cross-examination he stated that the office diaries had been "fixed" during their absences (Lancaster and himself) on non-professional duties, so that the records would not show.

F. A. McDiarmid, defending Inspector Lancaster, in other words, is your diary a lie?

Clarkson: Partly. So is Mr. Lancaster's.

Witness stated that his object was to shield the inspectors in case of trouble. He denied that he had used the office horse and rig for personal trips. Mr. McDiarmid wanted Clarkson to say something about the time he spent in past years in cleaning up the health officer's car.

The city solicitor objected to the cross-examination of witness on a matter which affected the standing of the doctor. That was a distinct question, which ought to be taken up separately. The chairman, Alderman Bell, urged that it would be better to deal with one thing at a time.

Mr. McDiarmid said the aldermen should understand that the department had been charging for inspector's services men who were engaged as janitors, car cleaners and chauffeurs.

Clarkson interposed to state that he had never cleaned the doctor's private car.

Mr. Hannington insisted that there must be written charges if the doctor's conduct of the department was to be challenged.

When the meeting came to order today, City Comptroller Raymer proved the originals of the vouchers and documents affecting requisitions for supplies. Some evidence submitted on Wednesday was then repeated formally.

Diary Scrutinized.

Corporal Clarkson was recalled to give his evidence about the acquisition of stores. He gave some testimony with respect to lumber, coal, oil, etc., and then was asked some questions with regard to his diary in 1915. This apparently indicated a record of his doings each day at the office, but he had been to Cordova Bay with Inspector Lancaster during office time on two occasions in helping him to reconstruct his summer place there, staying all day. The diary, it was admitted, showed entries for work, "OK'd" by the inspector when he was engaged on non-official duties.

This occurred in June, 1915. Certain supplies were ordered, such as cheese cloth, for which they had no use in the office.

Dr. Hall asked witness a number of questions apparently directed to show that the actual requisitions of the department exceeded the needs of the office, and that some articles which had been delivered could not have been profitably used.

Mr. McDiarmid: Is it not a fact that you were too busy with military duties to know what was going on?

Dr. Hall replied in the negative. He had to give the inspector some latitude in ordering supplies, and when they had been initiated by Lancaster, he passed on the requisition.

Clarkson explained that some galvanized iron pipes were bought by him at George Powell & Sons for the department, and taken out to Keating for Inspector Lancaster, who was building

a place there. He had taken other material there on previous occasions. He did not know any way in which galvanized iron pipe would be used in the office.

Dr. Hall indicated that he would ask the committee to visit the storehouse, to which allusion had been made. From what the doctor observed, the room has been used to contain disinfectants.

Witness observed that shortly before the former investigation he had cleaned out the store room, and did not remember that it contained any lengths of pipe such as those mentioned.

While the investigation was going on he was surprised at the large amount of stores coming in to the store room. Mr. McDiarmid, in cross-examination on this point, doubted the credibility of the witness.

The proceedings were adjourned till Wednesday morning.

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GOING TO FRANCE

Contractors to Get Commissions Under Col. J. W. Stewart

Cable advices from England announce that A. E. Griffin, of the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart has been asked to report in England at once where he will be given charge of the corps of railway construction men which is being raised for service in France. It is understood that this unit will be used in connection with the military transport in that country and especially in the big drive which is to come. At a time when the armies are advancing it is necessary to have railways built right up to the scene of operations in order to move troops rapidly.

Associated with Lieut. Col. Griffin will be the following men who have also been connected intimately with the work of Foley, Welch & Stewart, and who have been offered commissions in the new corps: W. Sharp, C. Leader, A. McIntosh and A. Wimbles. They have been associated with the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders in Vancouver.

The appointments are made by Col. J. W. Stewart, of railway construction fame, who holds the position of deputy director of light railway construction in France and who has associated with him Assistant Deputy Director Lieut. Col. MacDonnell, also of British Columbia.

ENTERTAINING SOLDIERS

Hundred Guests Gather This Evening at Empress Hotel.

At six o'clock this evening some 100 guests will face Manager A. Benaglia in the ballroom of the Empress hotel, as the host of the party of soldiers quartered at the Esquimalt Military Hospital.

They will be in charge of Major Harvey, and in addition to the 87 soldiers present, provision has been made for the attendants at the hospital to accompany their charges.

The men and staff will be seated at tables in parties of ten, and at a long table at the rear of the ballroom, which incidentally has been tastefully decorated, will be ranged the presents for the soldiers obtained from the proceeds of the cabaret. Each one is to have the article he desired, tobacco, pipes, pouch, razors, strops, etc., the sum of about \$125 being expended in this respect.

A plentiful repast has been spread for the guests. The menu is as follows: Soup; boiled codfish and sauce; potato hollandaise; roast turkey, with cranberry sauce; French fried potatoes; Canadian peas and salad; plum pudding; ice cream and cake; fruit; coffee; cigars and cigarettes; various kinds of mineral waters.

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